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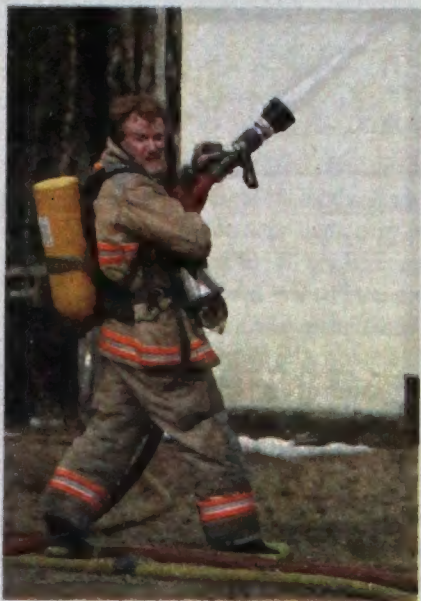
Irondale General Store Burns:

No Injuries, but Cat Rescued and Revived with Special Pet Mask

A fire at the Irondale General Store last Friday, March 19th, has effectively destroyed the building. Fire fighters from Minden Hills and four other fire halls responded promptly to the call. There were no injuries, but damage is estimated to be approximately \$150,000.

The firefighters did, however, manage to rescue one of the two cats that lived with their owner in the building's apartment. Jennifer Horner reports that, "We were watching the fire from my parents' place next door, and we realized that the elderly lady who lived in the apartment had only managed to get one cat out: the other cat was afraid of the strangers that came to help the lady out of the apartment, so it took off back inside. We all assumed it had been killed in the fire.

"But once the fire had been put out, the
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Minden Hills Financial Position Much Improved

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

"Like most budgets, this is a good news/bad news document."
(Councillor Peter Oyler)

Despite getting off to a somewhat rocky beginning in 2009, the financial picture in Minden Hills seems to have improved considerably under the watchful eye of Treasurer Lorrie Blanchard and with a lot of hard work by municipal staff.

A dozen members of the public and almost all of the department heads attended the special budget meeting yesterday to hear that the municipality had come into 2010 with a healthy surplus of approximately \$445,000. Although a number of options were presented for consideration, the Council has recommended approving a 4.85 percent increase to the municipal portion of the Minden Hills tax notices in stark contrast to the 12.4 percent hike in 2009.

Finance Chair Peter Oyler had a number of opening remarks to make including his thanks to Council, the CAO, Treasurer and all of the staff for their work and for stepping up to the plate and contributing to making reductions in the budget. These remarks were later mirrored by both the CAO and the Treasurer.

Before getting into the heart of the budget, Oyler referred to a notice of motion from the previous meeting about the proposed economic development master plan. He recommended that the Council not proceed with the application for funding and the project be left for the next Council. Council concurred and the master plan is now dead in the water until a new Council can pick up the reins and move forward with economic development.

Oyler commented that the draft budget held both good and bad news and that three options had been provided for consideration. He referred to an increase of approximately \$150,000 in policing, the loss of OMPF funding of approximately \$65,000, increased insurance costs of \$35,000 and a projected decline in interest rates that amount to \$85,000.

Some of the significant items removed from the first draft of the budget included \$418,800 in road construction on Newcastle Street, \$100,000 in Bridge work, \$50,000 for the economic development for a new pumper truck and weigh scales for the landfill site.

"This is like a runaway train."
(Councillor Barbara Reid)

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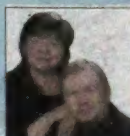
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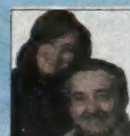
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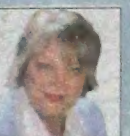
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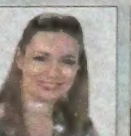
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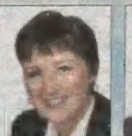
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Gooderham's Newest Centenarian

Mabel Winder Celebrates her 100th Birthday

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

This Sunday, March 28th, Gooderham's Mabel Winder will celebrate her 100th birthday and Haliburton County will gain their newest centenarian. Mabel is a shining example to anyone who is frightened of the prospect of growing old. With a bit of help from government services along with her family and friends, Mabel is living on her own in a place that she loves and feels pretty good about that.

"When you get to be my age, you simply live one day at a time without worrying too much about tomorrow. I'm very fortunate to have my health and my wits about me."

Mabel and her husband had a cottage for many years in Gooderham and they followed their dream of running a trailer park in the area. As fate would have it, her husband suffered a stroke and while he lived for 14 years after that, the dream had to be downscaled a bit. For many years Mabel ran their trailer park on Tamarack Lake with the help of her son Ronald, until Ronald suddenly passed away.

Mabel finally moved into the heart of Gooderham in the 1990's beside the old mill pond, complete with a lovely waterfall, and while she has since sold her home, she still lives in a sunny little apartment that forms part of the original house, overlooking her garden and her beloved pond.

She didn't get her driver's license until she was 57 and loved the independence it gave her. When the County Voice spoke with Mabel two years ago, she had just given up driving, saying "the old thing finally gave up the ghost." She said that it was hard to believe what life was like without a car and mourned just a bit for her lost independence; but her friends rallied around her and took her on weekly excursions to play bridge and have lunch.

At 98 Mabel still only wore her glasses when absolutely necessary and was pretty proud of the fact; but about a year ago, a hemorrhage caused the loss of most of her eyesight and her eyes are now extremely sensitive to light. She said, "I played bridge one day and my eyesight was gone the next."

She said, "Your whole world changes when you wake up one morning and find that you are blind." But accepting her fate and always wanting to keep her mind active, Mabel listens to talking books on her Daisy (Digital Accessible Information System) Disks for the blind. According to Mabel, she has travelled quite a bit, and through her latest travelogues she continues to do so, taking trips all over the world and continuing to learn about new things. "I hadn't even dreamt of the many things that I've listened to since I was blessed with my Daisy disks."

Listening to The Power of Positive Thinking, Mabel took Norman Vincent Peale's message that 'you can if you think you



can't to heart. Mulling over just what she was to do now that she was blind, Mabel decided that she would write a book. "Now I'm an author," she said proudly. Mabel has written a small book called A Mother's Quest, a story of how she imagined the life of Jesus might have been from the time he was born until he was 30.

And that's not the end of her projects. Mabel plans to continue by writing her memoirs. She uses a small tape recorder and hires someone to help type her notes up. "It's not a quick or easy job for either of us," she said.

Mabel giggled a bit about her new venture but said, "What do you do with your time at my age. I don't sleep as much as I did, I can't watch TV and I have lots of time on my hands."

Mabel thinks about the impact her lack of sight might have on others. She recalled the times she has spoken with blind people who didn't seem able to look at her directly. She said, "I like to look directly at people so I follow their voice." She says she has a little trouble hearing as well, but learned to lip read so no one would notice. "But that's pretty hard to do when you can't see," she said, so now she has a hearing aid as well.

Mabel admits to having some hardships in her life as well for, as well as her husband, she has lost her sisters and two of her sons, but she says, "I still have two sons (Robert in Haliburton and George in Pickering) and I'm very thankful for them because they're very good to me and for me." Every week her sons come to visit and she has a raft of grandchildren and great grandchildren that she loves to see whenever she can.

"I've had a grand life and can tell you that riches are not money," she said, adding that she still has a pretty good memory.

When asked if she had any regrets or there was anything she'd like to do if she could start all over again, Mabel said that she had too many happy memories and had done so many things in her life with her children, that she had no huge regrets, nor did she wish for anything more. "I might have tried to have a daughter," she said, but was quick to add that she had wonderful daughters-in-law that couldn't have been better than a daughter of her own if they tried.

Hazel finally admitted that if she could ask for one thing she

would have her pond back the way it was. "In the dry season the water is lowered so much for the Trent-Severn Waterway, there's nothing but a creek."

Many of our readers might remember the story of Mabel's swans and her ongoing "Lament for the Old Mill Pond." Just after her 90th birthday, Mabel purchased a pair of Mute Swans to grace her pond, but the swans and their signets became the victims of bureaucracy at its finest. Despite promises that there would be no ill effects, as a result of a new culvert installation on the adjacent county road, the level of her pond was dramatically reduced, her male swan Percy was lost and the remaining swans had to be relocated to safety.

Mabel threw her efforts into a battle that took her from the initial contractor all the way to the Prime Minister's office with a number of ministries in between. Her fight for justice and protection for an endangered species kept her fuelled for many years and can be followed a bit further by checking out www.thebacktrail.ca.

"But then again," she said, "now that I'm blind, it makes little difference. Right now, I'm doing just what I want to do; staying here as long as I live or as long as I possibly can."

She says that she is sad from time to time about things she has lost, but added with a little smile that if something bothers her, she likely won't have to put up with it for too long.

Mabel will celebrate her birthday on Sunday with an outing to Bobcaygeon where she and those who are closest to her can talk about life over a special dinner.

Happy Birthday Mabel. ■

Local Bats Contract White Nose Syndrome: MNR Advises Avoid All Contact with Bats

The first case of bats with white nose syndrome in Ontario has been confirmed in the Bancroft-Minden area. There is no known human health risk associated with this syndrome; however the syndrome has been linked to the deaths of a small number of bats in Ontario.

The Ministry of Natural Resources will continue working with the Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre to monitor caves and abandoned mines where bats hibernate and identify any further cases.

The public are asked: Not to enter non-commercial caves and abandoned mines where bats may be present, to help curb the spread of the syndrome.

Not to touch bats, whether living or dead, as a small percentage carry rabies.

To report unusual bat deaths to the Canadian Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre at 1-866-673-4781 or the Natural Resources Information Centre at 1-800-667-1940.

"Bats, like all wildlife, are an important part of our biodiversity. We understand the potential impact white nose syndrome can have on bat populations. As such we continue to monitor the condition and work with our partners in wildlife health to better understand its origins and minimize its impact."

Linda Jeffrey
Minister of Natural Resources ■



NOTICE

The fourteenth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Minden (location to be announced).

2010/11 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who has been a resident* of, or who has been employed or carried on a business in, the County of Haliburton or, in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria County; or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. New members must register at least 60 days prior to the date of the meeting. Therefore, to be eligible to vote at the June 24, 2010 Annual General Meeting, new memberships must be obtained by April 1, 2010.

Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board by submitting in writing a nomination, which must be received by the Secretary of the Board at least 30 days before the day of the Annual General Meeting.

The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS (Haliburton or Minden Hospitals), during regular business hours, or by contacting:

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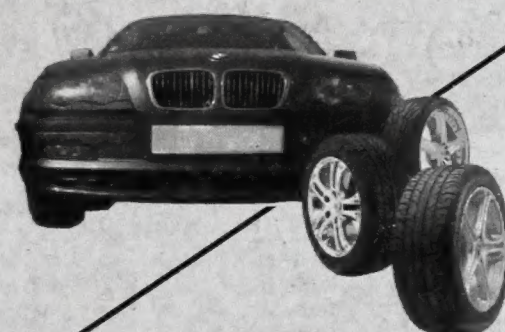
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Local kids have fun at the Art Hive during March Break. Pictured on the front spinning her hula hoop is Jocelyn Bretzlaff.

March Break Filled Full of Activities



Big Air Winner Ryan Bassett

Spring break across Haliburton County signalled the beginning of glorious weather and with the sun it brought countless activities for children.

And despite the warm weather Sir Sam's ski hill was still swarmed with families and individuals enjoying the last few weeks of the season. Their annual "Big Air" competition was held on Saturday, with Ryan Bassett the winner.

At the Cultural Centre in Minden workshops went throughout the whole week which explored environmentalism, art, literature and much more.

The Art Hive, home of the Maple Lake Artisans Collective, held a series of activities for kids ranging from painting and drawing to jewellery making. On the last day of the events, Friday March 19th, children had fun making hula hoops with local artist Noelia Marziali. They assembled the hoops and then emblazoned them with a variety of different materials and then took time afterwards to enjoy several hoop games outside.

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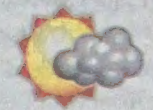
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SATURDAY



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SUNDAY



Becoming mostly cloudy

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MONDAY



Chance of snow showers

▲ 1° ▼ -8°

TUESDAY



Chance of morning snow showers

▲ 0° ▼ -10°

WEDNESDAY



Mostly sunny and cool

▲ 2° ▼ -9°

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Barbados	31/25/pc	31/25/pc	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	33/23/pc	33/22/pc	33/26/cl	
Bermuda	20/14/su	21/15/pc	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	28/18/su	28/18/su	29/23/pc	
Cancun	30/20/pc	30/21/pc	32/26/pc	St Thomas	29/24/pc	29/24/pc	30/24/pc	
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Georgetown	31/24/ts	31/24/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	30/22/su	29/22/pc	31/23/su	
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Saturday 3/20	5°C	0°C	0.0 mm	Sat. 7:04 a.m./7:36 p.m.	4:57 p.m./5:30 a.m.		
Friday 3/19	15°C	-4°C	0.0 mm	Sun. 7:02 a.m./7:37 p.m.	6:17 p.m./5:55 a.m.		
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

A Time for a Change in Minden Hills? I Think So!

It is incomprehensible to me that the Township of Minden Hills would invite the public to provide input into a discussion on the 2010 budget and then deny them access, until the morning of that meeting, to the 117 pages of material on which the discussion was based.

It is also more than curious that Councilors were given the material 11 days prior to the meeting for their preparation, and the public was allowed only 4 ½ hours before the same meeting for their preparation and, had to pay 50 cents per page to get the material! (I will, however, give them top marks for their devil-may-care attempt at revenue generation!)

Doesn't this just beg the questions:

What are they trying to achieve by this?

Why is access to public information always such a struggle in Minden Hills and, more importantly,

What are they trying to hide?

The only explanation provided at the meeting was "this is the process we've always used in the past". That sounds like a 1950's management style: "because we've always done it this way!" Do they not realize the world has moved forward, management has evolved and governing is done more transparently today?

Their 'process' also included a motion to approve the proposed 2010 budget at the March 25th Council session. This motion was put forth before the meeting was opened up to the public for their invited input. Only Councilor Barbara Reid voted against this approval based on a proposed 25 percent increase in employee benefits. One can only presume that Council really didn't feel that the public had anything meaningful to say in how their tax dollars are being spent.

2010 is an election year and I think it's time to replace this Council with new blood who are up to speed with current management trends, and accountability and transparency requirements; with candidates who will treat the people who elect them and pay their salaries with a lot less arrogance and a lot more respect. (Have they forgotten who works for whom here?)

This is only the most recent in a long list of mismanaged activities in the Township. We are no longer receiving value and good government for our tax dollars. What may have worked for this Minden Hills Council in the past is now sadly outdated, ineffective, unproductive and tiresome.

In preparation for the upcoming fall 2010 election, I encourage you to come out to a Council meeting and watch how your currently elected officials deal with the matters of the Township. Council meetings are held the second and last Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street in Minden. The public may always attend.

Shelley Houser
Minden Hills. ■

Editorial **VIEWPOINT**

By Stephen Patrick

Health Care,
Conservatives, and
Jim Crow

This week Americans, under the suddenly resolute leadership of President Barack Obama, took an enormous step towards the kind of universal health care system that the vast majority of developed

countries across the globe have offered their citizens for most of the past half-century. Until the bill's passage, almost 40 million Americans had no health care insurance of any kind.

Hailed as the most important piece of social legislation since President Lyndon Johnson's introduction of some Medicare benefits (and his activist civil rights legislation) in the 1960s, the bill also attracted some of the most virulent opposition Washington has seen for many years. Conservative Republicans sought to portray it as a dagger in the heart of traditional American values, and as an attempt to turn America into a socialist country. And for the first time in decades, racial taunts and epithets were hurled at Democratic Party legislators on Capitol Hill. Harrumphing Republicans have promised to repeal the bill at the earliest opportunity.

Fortunately for all, cooler Conservative and Republican heads have begun to be heard. Right wing commentator David Frum, aghast at what he called "their most crushing legislative defeat since the 1960s," dismissed any attempt at repeal, and decried the Republican leadership for not trying to reach a compromise. Frum's point is that the legislation will prove to be popular, and that his party is just painting itself into a semi-permanent part of talk show host Rush Limbaugh's narrow and hysterical corner of the political universe.

It's tempting for Canadians to feel a trifle smug, but it would also be misguided. True, we have had a form of universal health care for many years, but the pressures and problems with our system seem to grow by the week. As you read this, the Ontario government will have presented its latest budget, almost certainly flat-lining health care spending. With our ageing boomer population, the financial pressures will continue to grow at what most observers of all political stripes believe will be an unsustainable rate. The problems of our Access Centres, are just one example of how our best intentions are merely that – without the necessary cash. Almost every week this paper carries stories of generous donations being made to our local Hospital Foundation by individuals and groups. These donations, along with the sterling efforts of our local Hospital Auxiliaries, have become essential pillars of our health care system. Just as in our great urban hospitals, with their multi-million dollar fund-raising departments, small communities need to tap every resource available to continue to provide an excellent standard of care. But again, the sustainability of private and public fundraising is pushing legislators, and some public opinion, to embrace the idea of an increased public/private health care partnership. We hate to admit it, but we already have significant private players in our system, as private clinics abound in the larger urban centres, for example.

With a government in Ottawa that would be delighted to see a greater private sector participation in health care, and a government in Queen's Park that's faced with perhaps a decade of deficits, surely it's just a matter of time before we must take a tough, even revolutionary look at the structure of our health care system. And perhaps, in order to avoid a radical overhaul, fuelled by ideology, that fiscal pressures could conceivably lead to in the future, it might be necessary to take Frum's advice – albeit in reverse – and start at least talking about creative alternatives. ■



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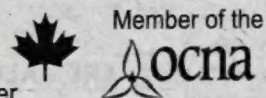
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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

RE: Kinmount Sidewalks

As an outsider, I read the article and letters to the editor about the proposed streetscape. I've been to Kinmount as a cottager, and I can tell you that in its current state it does not present itself as an attraction I would want to visit again, save for the theatre which is wonderful.

After reading the letter written by the opposing merchant, I can tell you that there is no way that's this guy is gonna co-operate until he gets his parking spots, so good luck. His explanation that seniors need to be able to pull up to the fast food window in order to get their cigarettes was just too special.

Dr. Paul Hasson ■

Dear Editor:

"The answer ... was that the Property Standards By-Law does not address the trimming of trees and hedges."

These days one would hate to be a member of a municipal council or part of its administration.

Recently the enforcement of a signage bylaw has restricted the number of signs a village high street merchant may have advertising a business. Apparently this is to avoid clutter, and apparently not detract from the appearance of the community.

Recently I wrote the By-Law officer to ask if something might be done about the state of the great hedge at 5 Sunnyside.

Readers will recall this is the site of the former Sir Sandford Fleming Campus. When the College was located there the grounds- and hedge- were kept immaculate. Now the hedge, owned by an out of town real estate developer, is most unsightly and also one end straggles towards a large tree and the result will be loss of motorists' sight lines heading west out of the village.

The answer from the local official was that the Property Standards By-Law does not address the trimming of trees and hedges. In other words, multiple signs are bad and unsightly or even obstructive hedges have no interest to the municipality.

Local merchants who are trying to bring income into the village are restricted as to their advertising but a condo developer can let a property deteriorate at will.

Michael Barnes, C.M.,
Box 881 Haliburton ON. ■

Dear Editor:

Re: "Don't Feed the Deer, Don't Feed the Wolves issue:"

I agree with the statement made by Gerry Moraal, that feeding whitetail deer on your property attracts carnivores like wolves, coyotes and also cougar. Where deer populations are high and concentrated, you will always find predators. "Food" is always the burning issue for wildlife. By feeding deer on your property you are providing a virtual smorgasbord for all carnivores.

The late R.D. Lawrence, field biologist, author, journalist, naturalist and I ran private wildlife sanctuaries in the areas of Uphill and Gooderham Ontario for more than 40 years. We raised and released injured and orphaned wildlife that often came from the Wildlife Division of the Ontario Humane Society, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, and Wildlife Sanctuaries across Canada. We housed many wolves, foxes, coyotes, raccoons, skunks, porcupine, bear, moose, deer and a cougar.

R.D. worked for a short time in Algonquin Park in the 1960's with biologist Douglas H. Pimlott, Ph.D., who was doing long term scientific field research on wolves. R.D. wrote five books dealing with Canis lupus, and dedicated his book "In Praise of Wolves" to Doug Pimlott.

Ron and I also spent time with biologists at Isle Royale Michigan, where wolf research has been on going since the 1940's. We also worked with Michigan wolves in the Upper Peninsula along Lake Superior. Eventually, six wolves from the Michigan pack came to Haliburton County, three to the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, to begin the Wolf Centre, while a 16 year old granny wolf, and two pups came to our sanctuary Wolf Hollow.

I would now like to comment on Gerry Moraal's statement that "Eastern Coyote and Eastern Wolves are synonymous. It is the same animal".

Wolves live in North America, from Mexico to the Arctic- the gray, or timber wolf (whose scientific name is Canis lupus) and the red wolf (Canis niger). The gray wolf has 27 subspecies, which includes the Arctic wolf. The subspecies may differ in colour size, and weight, depending upon what part of the world they come from.

Coyotes are a separate species. In some parts of North America, coyotes (Canis latrans) are often called "brush wolves", but this is a misnomer. Coyotes are different from their wild cousins (wolves) in size, appearance and habits. The coyote is bold, tough, wiry, and adapts easily to almost any habitat. Coyotes are monogamous and prolific, often hunt alone, do not live in social groups as wolves do, their howl/vocals are different and distinct from the wolf. Coyotes are usually smaller than wolves and have larger ears and shorter muzzles. When we operated the sanctuaries we had both wild wolf packs and coyotes visit on a regular basis.

I know that there is still much discussion and scientific research continuing in Algonquin Park re. pure wolf species, specie cross over and wolf/dog and coy/dog hybrids, as well as the red wolf/gray wolf issues. However, I think that it is inappropriate for Mr. Moraal to state that "the Eastern Coyote and Eastern Wolves are synonymous. It is the same animal." "On what data does he base this statement? Is this statement about Haliburton County only, or is he also referring to Ontario? Is he suggesting that we no longer have coyotes in Haliburton County? Does this statement mean that we now have a new species in Haliburton County?"

Sharon Lawrence ■

The forum will focus on current Drug and Break and Enter trends in the eastern portion of Haliburton County.

Community Mobilization Forum

(Haliburton, ON) – The Haliburton Highlands Detachment along with the Municipality of Highlands East will be hosting a Community Mobilization Forum on Tuesday March 30, 2010 at 7:00pm. The forum will take place at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce.

The forum will focus on current Drug and Break and Enter trends in the eastern portion of Haliburton County. Members of the public are invited to attend this free forum. Officers from the Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau-Drug Enforcement Section, the O.P.P. Rural Agricultural Crime Team (R.A.C.T.) and Crime Stoppers will be presenting at the forum.

This is a great opportunity for members of the public to learn about local Drug and Break and Enter trends, learn how they affect you and your family and what you can do to assist the police in keeping your community safer. ■

Driver Charged

(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a Minden Hills man with Impaired Driving as a result of a vehicle stop this past weekend.

On Friday March 19, 2010 shortly after 9:00pm an officer was patrolling County Rd#1 in the Township of Minden Hills and pulled over a vehicle that was travelling along County Rd#1. The officer had conversation with the driver who was subsequently arrested for Impaired Driving and taken back to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Alexander McCracken 40 years of Minden Hills Township has been charged with Impaired Driving, Drive Over 80mgs and two Provincial Offences Act violations. Mr. McCracken will be appearing in Minden Court on May 5, 2010. ■

Lying about License Costs Fisherman \$1000

Fishing without a licence and lying about it has cost a Hamilton man \$1,000 in fines.

David McNab was fined \$250 for fishing without a valid licence and \$750 for making a false statement to a conservation officer.

The court heard that on August 3, 2009, a Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officer checked McNab as he fished Kasshabog Lake near Apsley. When asked for a fishing licence, McNab said he had bought one several weeks prior but did not have it with him. Despite being warned about the seriousness of making a false statement he insisted that he had a valid licence. McNab failed to produce the licence after given time to do so and a further investigation showed he had never purchased one.

Justice of the Peace John MacDonald heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Peterborough, on March 11, 2010.

To report a natural resource violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). ■

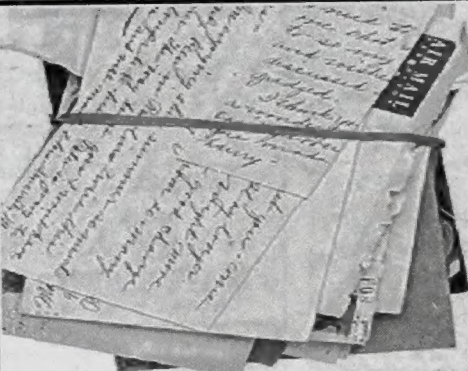


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FOCA Considers Participation in Municipal Elections

"Local politics is where the rubber hits the road for us and for a lot of our issues." (FOCA Exec. Director Terry Rees)

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

As efforts to preserve the health of our lakes increase, local cottage associations turn their focus to municipal affairs and municipal elections. Earlier this month the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association held their annual general meeting and for the very first time, offered members the option of participating by live webcast.

Along with discussions about being FireSmart, listening to perspectives on Ontario's Freshwater Legacy, a presentation on Lake Simcoe being on the leading edge of research, partnership, testing and monitoring programs and discussions about private navigational buoys, the agenda included a panel discussion on municipal elections.

FOCA is a non-profit, voluntary organization that for over 45 years has been dedicated to supporting the interests of Ontario's waterfront property owners. The organization promotes sustainable waterfront communities by encouraging positive environmental stewardship, supporting strong community leadership, and by promoting fair and equitable public policy.

Speaking to a roomful of delegates at the York Reception Centre in Toronto, FOCA Executive Director Terry Rees said, "Local politics is where the rubber hits the road for us and for a lot of our issues." Reese stressed the importance of developing a positive and effective relationship between property associations and local politicians.

Rees spoke of FOCA's work to ensure that voting by mail is available to all cottagers across Ontario to ensure that electors and participants are able to exercise their democratic rights. Given the approaching municipal elections, Reese stressed the importance of ensuring that the members are effective during this important cycle.

"It's not us and them," he said, adding that he firmly believed that everyone should have an opportunity and even a responsibility to weigh in and voice their opinions on where municipal finances should be directed.

Rees also said that he didn't appreciate some of the comments that he had heard in the past about seasonal property owners. He referred to a crack made by a politician in the past who, when speaking about cottage owners, had said he didn't mind them as house guests, but they shouldn't rearrange the furniture. Rees said, "We all have a stake and take part in paying the bills and should have a voice in the decision making."

Rees also said it was up to the municipal Clerks and at the pleasure of local Councils how cottagers would have a voice and that voice is possible through mail in ballots. Reese spoke of a small municipality that had recently decided that cottagers would no longer have a vote by mail option or a local voice and said, "They have taken a serious step backwards."

The panel included Haliburton County's Warden Dave Burton and FOCA Board Member Anne McCauley who also represented the Muskoka Lakes Association.

McCauley spoke candidly about getting involved in municipal

elections and, possibly referring to the politician beside her, apologized for stepping on anyone's toes, but said it was much better than 'pussy footing around.' She also commented that she could very well be talking to the converted but stressed the importance of the delegates talking to their membership about the importance of voting.

McCauley stressed the fact that an individual doesn't have to be a full time resident to run in an election. She reminded those in attendance that this year the election had been brought forward to October in the hope that good weather would allow more people to vote. She covered the rules of who is eligible to vote and, for that matter, to run in an election. "You are the one to determine your residency as determined by the information that you provide to MPAC," she said, adding that MPAC provides the voters list to the municipalities by July 31st.

McCauley said that she had spoken with her association to determine if any of the members were interested in running and commented that the last day for nominations would be Friday, September 16th, the day that all those who are acclaimed can celebrate, while others have to get down to serious business.

Mirroring Rees's earlier comments McCauley asked, "Why is it important for cottagers or seasonal owners to vote? It's to protect the financial investment you have in your cottage which is often greater than the investment you have in your property in town."

According to McCauley cottages tend to be held longer within families and often the historical connection to a cottage is much greater than many homes. "Waterfront properties generally have higher assessments than town and therefore contribute more to the taxes and the township's ability to provide services."

McCauley stressed that fact that in many smaller communities the number of councillors per capita is much greater than in places like Toronto where one councillor could represent as many as 50,000 constituents. "In Muskoka where there is a permanent population of 6500 people and a waterfront population of 30,000 there are 10 councillors so the opportunity to find out whether your Council is cutting you out or including you is much greater in cottage country."

McCauley suggested looking for a candidate that had the same qualifications as a good CEO. "Seek out someone who is a good fit. It doesn't necessarily have to be a nice guy or a social butterfly. Sometimes a 'shit disturber' will achieve the most on your behalf."

McCauley also suggested that lake association members get to know the incumbents. She agreed that wasn't easy when you live in the city and the candidates are in the country, but suggested that an individual or committee could be appointed to monitor the municipal website, check out the agendas, review the draft budgets and read the minutes. She also suggested subscribing to local newspapers or checking out their websites to follow activities in cottage communities.

"Follow how the incumbents vote," she said. "It's not what they say, it's what they do."

Burton, spoke of his experience, both as a past president of his lake association and as a politician. He admitted that McCauley had stolen a bit of his thunder, but talked about the challenges that everyone faces getting out to vote and having a say in the community.

He talked about the demographics of Highlands East where there are 3,000 permanent residents and over 10,000 in residence during the summer months and of the County of Haliburton where the permanent population expands from 15,000 to as high as 65,000 when the cottagers are taken into consideration.

"Highlands East has 750 square miles with over 30 named lakes and approximately twenty property owner or lake associations. Many of our lakes are manmade reservoir lakes that form part of the Trent-Severn Waterway which is quite a challenge in itself and raises serious concerns."

Burton stressed the importance of ensuring that the seasonal population are informed and said that the best advice he could give was to become part of a lake association where people become involved as things change. "Members often only come out to Council meetings when there is a problem and that was something I wanted to change. I decided I wanted to do something about that and was able to double the association membership."

Burton said that he had moved into the Highlands East area about five years before running for the position of Reeve. "I was a newbie, but I was determined to get out to all of the lake association meetings and talk about community concerns."

Burton said, "I registered to run, paid my fee and opened a bank account, but I was reluctant to accept campaign contributions." He admitted he had accepted one contribution, but it had been from his wife."

Burton said it was important to let people know exactly what he was all about during his election and what he wanted to do in and for the municipality. "So I bought my signs and off I went."

Burton also said he had set up a website during his campaign and stressed the importance of viewing all of the municipal websites as a wealth of information about the area.

Agreeing with McCauley's comments about candidates meetings, Burton said that because many of the executive members of the associations were reluctant to become too political and have individual candidates visit on their own, he had recommended that they host all candidates meetings which had worked very well.

"My original thought was that when seasonal people came to their cottage they wanted to be left alone, but I was wrong. They wanted to meet and talk with us."

Burton explained overhead examples of mail in ballots and the instructions that went with them. "They're very user friendly," he said, assuring those in attendance that as time goes on there are fewer and fewer spoiled ballots. He also suggested that municipalities be encouraged to set up drop off ballot boxes at places like community halls.

In response to a question about the benefits of a ward system vs. candidates running at large, Burton said that he thought all candidates should run at large to ensure they are representing the entire municipality. McCauley, however, disagreed, suggesting that in her experience it was better to have a combination of at large and ward councillors.

To McCauley, the big issue was how many residents are waterfront owners as opposed to permanent 'town' residents. "If there is a ward system there must be a balance so that the town voters do not overcome rural and waterfront voters."

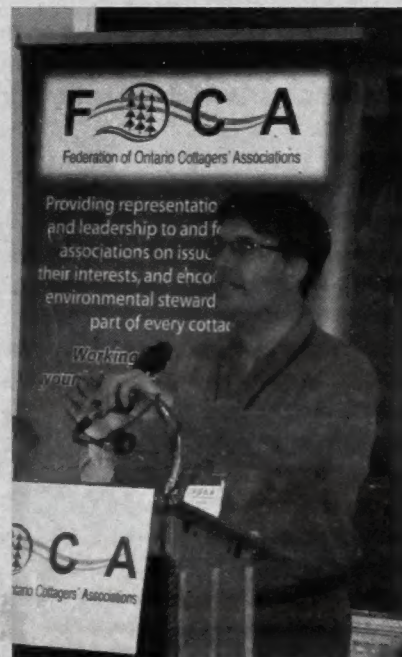
McCauley said that with a ward system candidates would have to look after the entire municipality as well as the bread and butter issues. "If you are parochial in your approach other ward councillors will not support you," she said.

Burton said, "We work at the grass roots level. We work with our neighbours and are close to the people. While I have been accused once or twice of being in it for the money, it actually works to about \$2.28 an hour and all the abuse that you can take, but it is all worthwhile."

Rees thanked the participants for their insights.

He later said, "FOCA was very pleased to once again gather with our members to review our shared priorities and to restate our commitment to the future of waterfront living in Ontario. We were pleased to host representatives from over fifty of our member associations as well as a number of special guests who attended live and by way of the inaugural FOCA webcast."

Rees said, "We look forward to the beginning of the warm season which will once again be filled with important waterfront programs and more collaboration between our members and our partners towards common goals."



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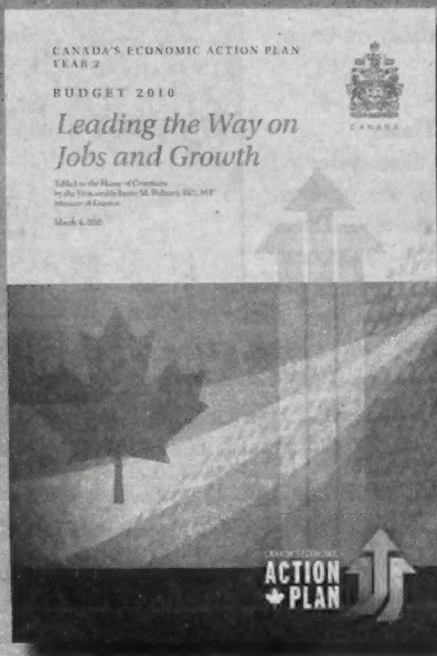
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THE AWARD WINNERS

Back Row, left to right: Wayne Cox, Ron Mark, and Don Wood (Warden's Award for their work with the 4Cs)

Middle Row: Mike Jaycock, (Highlander of the Year), Julie and Larry Moynes of Ridgewood Ford, (Customer Service)

Front Row: Deborah Lyons, Organic Times (Best Small Business), Laurie Jones, Executive Director and Curator of the Rails End Gallery (Best Not-for-Profit), Graeme Lloyd and Kyla Suchovs (Youth of the Year) and Don Crowe, Kawartha Dairy (Best Large Business).

"This is the strongest I've seen the chamber and the most active I've seen it in about 20 years."— Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon

By Mark Arike

Annually, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Awards Gala salutes the outstanding contributions that many individuals and groups make to better the Highlands – in several areas and countless aspects.

This past Saturday, pretty much the same rituals were followed at the Pinestone Resort: dinner was served, awards were presented, acceptance speeches were aplenty and entertainment livened the audience. But what was the proverbial icing on the cake at this year's ceremony was that 2010 marked the chamber's 75th year in existence.

"Seventy-five years is hard to believe," said Minden Hills reeve Jim McMahon, as he presented a plaque on behalf of the township to the chamber's president Nick Lawrence. "I know that the chamber has been on a rollercoaster ride," said McMahon, who has observed 28 of those years during his tenure in local politics. "This is the strongest I've seen the chamber and the most active I've seen it in about 20 years."

Upon stepping up to the podium Lawrence was quick to commend chamber staff for greatly improving the state of the organization in the past year.

"I want to give big thanks to our manager Maria Micallef and administrative assistant Kendra Kellett," he said to the crowd of 155. "In the past year these two ladies have done an

incredible job managing the chamber ... they've been responsible for bringing in nearly 100 new members."

Lawrence also gave thanks to the current board of directors.

Examples of what the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce offers to its members includes discount rates on merchant fees for credit cards, group life and health insurance programs, and presentations of business seminars. The organization now has well over 300 members.

Below is a list of all the winners who took home some hardware after gala night.

Highlander of the Year – Mike Jaycock

Mike provides leadership to many organizations in the community. He spends hours of his volunteering for a plethora of causes, and is a radio personality on Canoe FM.

Small Business of the Year – Organic Times

After operating for seven years in Minden under the banner of The Storeroom Natural Foods, this business was recently moved into the old (but renovated) Times building and became Organic Times. Store owner Deborah Lyons has worked hard over the years to maintain the business and successfully make the transition.

New Business of the Year – McKecks The Blue Line

In a short time, the new owner of McKecks, Maarten Steinkamp, has given this 20-year-old Haliburton restaurant a complete makeover. Maarten has also shown a drive to participate in his community on many levels.

Large Business of the Year – Kawartha Dairy

Kawartha Dairy employs 126 staff between their Minden and Bobcaygeon locations. Besides being a long-term major employer in operation for 74 years in the county, their locations are destination hotspots for tourists and residents alike. The Kawartha Dairy brand is recognized throughout Ontario and has six retail locations in the province.

Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award – Natalie Lauder

Natalie is a young and dynamic individual who owns The Minden River Cone. She's outgoing, full of life and described as extremely community-minded.

Customer Service of the Year Award – Ridgewood Ford

Larry and Julie Moynes have owned and operated Ridgewood Ford since 1993. The business employs over 15 staff and annually wins Presidents awards from Ford Motor Company for excellence in customer satisfaction.

Not-for-Profit of the Year Award – Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre

The Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts was formed in 1969 and has contributed to the life of Haliburton County for over 30 years through innovative leadership, arts education programs, volunteer initiatives and numerous opportunities for local artists.

The Youth Award, as chosen by Haliburton High Principal Gary Brohman ~ Kyla Suchovs and Graeme Lloyd

The Warden's Award, as chosen by Warden Dave Burton ~ 4Cs ■

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- planning and delivery of quality and accessible health services
- public relations / communications
- business management and strategic planning
- participating on a community board

If you feel you have the time, energy and commitment to be a Director, then we would like to hear from you by April 2, 2010. The new Directors will be appointed at the annual general meeting in June. For further information and an application package, please contact:

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Minden Budget Cont'd...

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Blanchard reported that a number of projects had been carried over from 2009, but all of them would be offset in some form by either reserves or provincial/federal funding.

Blanchard also reported that the draft budget included a three percent increase for all union and non union staff, department heads, Council and fire fighters. She referred to an executive summary that had been provided to Council in the first budget package that outlined a 14 percent increase in the municipality's group benefit plan.

In her summary, Blanchard recommended that the surplus funds be allocated to a number of areas including Newcastle Street improvements, bridges, crossing lights on Bobcaygeon Road, and reserves. She also provided a detailed summary of reserves and reserve funds and advised Council that reserves overall had declined approximately eight percent since 2008. According to Blanchard, Council will be required to take a serious look at a shortfall in roads reserves in the near future.

Oyler then opened the floor to Council for questions. Councillor Barbara Reid commented that when reviewing the budget she had trouble following the changes in benefits. She said she had calculated that the percentage change in benefits was \$133,000 which was actually closer to a 25 percent increase. Reid, who reportedly had reviewed the number with Blanchard in advance, said that she had been given an explanation for the increase rather than being provided with a strategy for moving forward.

Oyler immediately argued that Reid was making a statement rather than raising a question. To this Reid said, "My question is, do we feel that an increase of 25 percent is sustainable for a municipality of this size." Blanchard explained that there were a number of factors that are looked at to determine the rates, based on the group as a whole. Among other factors, she also attributed some of the increase to recent impacts on the stock market. Blanchard said that their carrier had provided some suggestions on where the municipality could go with benefits and had indicated a willingness to make a presentation to Council.

Reid had one final question. "At what point do we start to believe that wages and benefits should be sixty percent of our levy? This is a very important item and I feel it would behoove us to search the market. It could be that some of the things that we are offering aren't affordable for an organization of our size."

Blanchard commented that there was a collective agreement that had to be followed, but said she wasn't opposed to reviewing the situation. To this Reid commented that more than 50 percent of the municipal head count was non union.

No other members of Council appeared to have questions and Oyler then moved that Council go into closed session. When the meeting resumed he recommended moving forward with a 4.85 percent increase. A resolution was passed to follow the recommendations of the Treasurer and that following the public meeting and associated comments, the budget would be passed on the 25th of March. The resolution passed with one dissenting vote from Reid.

Reid later said that she could not support the budget when the municipality had failed to investigate alternatives to the cost increase they were facing in their benefits program. "This is like a runaway train," she said.

Oyler made a few introductory comments at the beginning of the public portion of the meeting saying that while the Council welcomed input from the public in the form of questions it was not the purpose of the meeting for staff or members of Council to get into a debate with members of the public.

Rick Ashall asked if the \$445,000 surplus from 2009 was embedded into the 2010 budget as a cushion to offset expenses. Blanchard responded that the funds would be shown as a contribution to reserves and then brought back into the 2010 budget as revenue and would in fact offset expenses.

Shelley Houser raised several questions about the Riverwalk project and what work remained to be completed. She was assured that anything outside of the approved funding would come back to Council for approval.

Houser then asked if the Finance Committee had responsibility for the budget, and Oyler responded that it did not. Houser referred Council to minutes from April 30th that clearly stated that the committee was responsible for the budget. She said, "So either you are uninformed or the minutes are incorrect."

Houser then asked the Clerk for Council's policy that permits the withholding of the draft budget until the morning of the meeting and the Clerk responded that there was no such policy. Houser then asked on whose authority the budget had been withheld.

Oyler responded and said, "This is the process that Council has followed for a number

of years and it has never been formally challenged. If anyone felt that we had acted inappropriately they should have come forward and said so prior to today." Houser responded, "With all due respect, just because something happened in the past, does not make it right." He refused to debate the matter further and the public portion of the meeting was adjourned.

As noted above, the budget is expected to be adopted in its present state on Thursday, March 25th. ■

Memories Revisited

As we all grow older we have to learn to become accustomed to the aging process but for some that process becomes a different journey as their memories start to deteriorate quicker than others. When the symptoms of Alzheimer's become apparent and the patient is first diagnosed it can leave them feeling bewildered and alone.

As the condition worsens outsiders may view them as simply someone passing hours in a chair. However we all have a history and to captivate that in any way possible is a breath of relief for the caregiver, patient and their extended family.

To help delay the rapid onset of dementia a new project has been designed for participants with Alzheimer's to create a memory book so they can help retain their memory skills for longer. Further down the line it would show younger generations in their family or their future caregivers the rich history of their lives.

The idea was initiated by Lynn Higgs-Thompson, Hospice and Alzheimer client services coordinator for SIRCH community services. A grant was applied for and approved for the project through New Horizons for Seniors.

Lynn explains that those with dementia, "lose their short term memory quicker than their long term memory. Keeping socially active is one way of helping to slow the onset of memory loss." Not only does it help to offset the symptoms it also boosts their feelings of self-esteem.

After conducting an exercise at Extencare eight years ago while on a placement Lynn helped patients create a collage of memories. Photos were emblazoned above their beds at the long term care facility and soon others around them realised that although the person wasn't always there in mind they used to have a rich life before.

Trained volunteers, young seniors (so they must be over the age of 50 or close to) will help other seniors with dementia to document their life through memory books and DVDs.

Collecting memorabilia of their past days such as medals, photographs, newspaper clippings, wedding invitations etc will be collected to create a memory book. Stories can be relayed to the volunteer while they still remember them which can be recorded or written next to the photographs they include.

By creating the memory book or transferring the information to a DVD it helps to create feelings of self worth. As the symptoms become worse the participant will always have the book or the DVD to view on a regular basis, further enhancing their memory skills. By creating the book it helps the participant to gain social stimulation.

One report written by Mark Mizen, director of technology at Creative Memories, a company which encourages people to create memory books, believes in "teaching the importance of preserving the past, enriching the present and inspiring hope for the future." He further states, "Scrapbook photo albums enhance the well being of both Alzheimer's patients and others affected by the disease. Albums provide trained professionals with information about the patient for use as part of reminiscence therapy."

In the report by Creative Memories, a study by Ellen Mahoney of Boston College was highlighted that found, in one instance, "photos distracted the Alzheimer's patient from the effects of Alzheimer's disease."

Another study conducted by Michelle Bourgeois who has written numerous books on memory books and Alzheimer's disease stated "memory books were found to help increase factual autobiographical statements and to decrease negative conversational utterances, such as ambiguous and error statements."

Importantly previous studies highlight that while the memory books are certainly no cure for Alzheimer's they help to enhance the patients' self-esteem, mood and provide comfort to the caregiver.

The grant money will cover the cost of technology such as computers along with a scanner which is able to scan in pictures from slides.

Volunteers according to Lynn should be "computer literate though we do provide training, they should have some scrapbooking skills and moreover be good listeners."

Although the project for the moment is geared at patients with dementia Lynn hopes in the future to extend the project with those diagnosed with terminal illnesses. The project will run until November of this year.

If you are interested in volunteering for the project or as a participant contact Lynn at SIRCH on 457-1742 ex 36 you can also email her at l_higgsthompson@sirch.on.ca. ■

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Algonquin Highlands Municipal Summary

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Staff Reporter

Council Approves New Technology

Algonquin Highlands is about to embark on the creation of a new website; a project that many feel is long overdue. The Council is taking a unique approach and has established a small committee to work on the project that is expected to establish a stronger link between residents, taxpayers and the municipal office.

The committee, that includes members from both Council and staff, made a presentation to Council last Thursday detailing the need to improve the existing website, the importance the website has as a business tool and how it can 'engage citizens, close the feedback loop and build relationships that provide for transparency and accountability.'

According to the committee the importance of the website is greatly emphasized by the seasonal nature of the community.

The committee includes Trails Coordinator Mark Coleman, Waste Recycling Coordinator Gayle Short and Councillor Carol Moffatt. Coleman reminded Council that the website was in dire need of an overhaul and said, "This is a project that has been on the radar for several years."

Coleman emphasized the need to maintain updated information on the website. He told Council that the municipality had a lot of partner organizations with their own websites including the airport, both museums the Stanhope Firefighters' Association and a number of volunteer organizations and that a number of e-mail addresses were hosted by different service providers.

"The best option would be to host all of this information on the main website," he said, adding that other aspects of internet services like U-Tube, Facebook and Twitter could be incorporated into a website policy.

"Some of the challenges include the fact that we have no design staff to manage internet services. Each of the department heads and staff contribute, but there are situations where the site could be managed better on a regular basis." A recommendation was made that one staff member be identified to manage the site.

Coleman suggested moving forward with a request for proposals for a professional business to redevelop the site. He said, "It's not a matter of looking for someone who can do it, as there are thousands that could develop a website at a low cost, but this is the main medium that reflects our business and it's important to find someone with the necessary technological skills and artistic design that can provide an effective site."

Coleman also said, "I'm sure that all of the department heads and staff feel this project is important and would go a long way toward presenting a positive image." Many of the department heads were present and were in total agreement that creating a new website would provide them all with an opportunity to be involved and keep current.

Short reviewed the process that the committee had followed in researching the project. According to Short the committee had looked at the features of a number of business and municipal sites and picked out some of the features that they thought would work well in Algonquin Highlands.

The committee had prepared a very detailed mock-up of a new site to demonstrate to Council which Short said they had tried to structure in a way that would ensure it was easy for people to find the information they were searching for from a number of different perspectives. She emphasized the importance of showing the public what the municipality does and Moffatt added that a number of associated and/or helpful links had been added that were outside the scope of the municipality's responsibility but would help to guide visitors.

Short said, "The mock up proved to be an excellent tool for us to use in planning. It's like a sketch of what we've done so far."

For several years the Council has included an amount in their budget to work on a new website, but it has been one project that has fallen through the cracks as other work took priority. When faced with the mock-up and the level of detail that the committee had prepared, the Council bought into the idea completely. They agreed to leave \$10,000 in the budget for the project and decided that if the cost exceeded that amount some of the work could be held over until 2011. Council asked the Committee to stay in place while an RFP was developed and awarded. They agreed with Coleman's suggestion that the mock-up was a significant start in showing potential bidders exactly what the municipality is looking for.

Moffatt stressed the need to include a training component in the RFP. She also raised the question of whether the municipality should be involved in either Facebook or Twitter, commenting that some of the organizations attached to the municipality are using both and using them well. "We'll need some policies in place, but including them would prepare the municipality for future expectations."

Short agreed, assuming there would be some help from the various department heads, to take on the responsibility of managing the website.

During the discussion the committee was also asked to review and improve the municipality's voice mail system, as it was generally agreed that its effectiveness could be dramatically improved.

Generally accepted by Council as a fairly large undertaking, this project could take some time but residents can look forward to a new site being in place sometime later this year.

and make recommendations on the fees to visit the Dorset Tower in an effort to reduce the gap between revenues and expenditures.

Alfano met with Tower Coordinator Barb Kostenuk and recommended some modest increases that would not discourage visitors. Councillor Don Shortreed raised some serious concerns during the Council meeting last week about the condition of the road leading to the tower.

"You all realize that we have to do something with the tower road," he said, adding that it seemed that busses were almost getting a free ride at the current rate of \$20 per bus. He suggested that there was a real discrepancy between the fees for cars and busses and said that a fee of at least \$40 or \$50 per bus would be more appropriate.

Alfano commented that most of the bus tours are in the fall and most of them purchase items from the kiosk, creating additional revenue. She advised Council that Kostenuk was reluctant to charge too much for fear of discouraging the tours, but Shortreed disagreed and so did Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner. Gardner said, "There were 80 busses last year. Even if we lost half of them we would get the same revenue if the rate is doubled."

Shortreed also pointed out that a bus full of visitors would also use the facilities creating pump out costs. He said, "There is a lot greater impact than a car."

Alfano suggested a compromise, saying that a drastic increase all at once would be hard to swallow. "Rather than a 100 percent increase this year it could be phased over two years."

Shortreed was concerned that Council was making a decision based on the threat that visitors would no longer come. Council finally agreed that rather than the recommended \$25 per bus a fee of \$40 would be established. The fee per car will be increased from \$4 to \$5 and season passes will increase from \$15 to \$18.

Landfill Attendant Services Awarded

Once again Watson General Contracting will be providing attendant services at the Algonquin Highlands landfill sites. The contract was tendered and, out of four bids, the company submitted the lowest price at a total of \$188,841 plus taxes.

Operations Manager Brian Whetstone confirmed that the company had provided an excellent service in the past, but noted that the bid represented a nine percent increase per hour over the current contract price. While this will create a bit of a shortfall in the draft budget given best estimates for the new contract, Whetstone confirmed that other cost saving measures should balance things out.

Council accepted the tender price.

Visitors Fees for Dorset Tower Increased

In January the Algonquin Highlands Council instructed their Recreation Coordinator Melissa Alfano to review

Official Plan Review Underway

As required by the Planning Act, the Official Plan review for Algonquin Highlands is about to get underway. Clerk Angie Bird reported that she had received a cost proposal for Council's consideration from Planscape (and planner Greg Corbett) out of Bracebridge.

The review will take place over the next six months in three stages with three opportunities for public input. Corbett proposes to complete a background review, pre-consultation with the County and data collection between March and June with a public meeting during May.

During June and July Corbett will draft policies for review and consideration by Council. An open house will be held in July and the amended OP will be presented for Council's approval sometime in late July or August.

The total anticipated cost of the review is estimated to be \$10,000.

Councillor Moffatt asked what type of changes were being considered and Bird responded that primarily the changes would involve bringing the OP in line with the County's plan and the Planning Act. Deputy Reeve Gardner commented that things like the Pits & Quarries Act would have an impact on the OP and that protection of shorelines would be a high priority. Bird confirmed that some mapping will be also be involved.

According to Bird, Corbett is willing to start the work immediately and she will be able to provide dates for legislated meetings over the next few weeks. Council accepted the proposal to allow the work to start immediately. ■

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Folk Camp II Gets Glowing Reviews

Haliburton County Folk Society Hosts Second Annual Event at Wanakita

To say that the second annual Winter Folk Camp was merely a success would be an understatement.

"It was wonderful," said artistic director of the event Sean Pennylegion shortly after reviewing a number of evaluations.

Held on March 5 – 8 at Camp Wanakita in Haliburton, Winter Folk Camp was a heavenly oasis for novice and advanced musicians, singers, and those just interested in hearing a few tunes. The 41 participants in the four-day getaway package were able to absorb a wealth of knowledge from a talented roster of artists, including guitar players, a choir singer, fiddle player and a percussionist – all of whom are recognized in the Canadian music scene for their abilities and accomplishments.

Pennylegion said that with the level of camaraderie that went on at camp, no one participant felt left out or was intimidated by the sheer magnitude of talent that was on-site at all times.

"Seeing the participants with a considerable amount of skill work with those who weren't at the same skill level was really neat," he said. "It was a very comforting kind of place."

Though a majority of time at camp was reserved for the artists in residence and their students, the general public had the rare opportunity of seeing concerts (or 'ceilidh's' as they were called) on both Saturday and Sunday night.

"I think the overall effect of camp was embodied in the Saturday night ceilidh ... the sheer enjoyment from that was carried through the mood of the weekend," said Pennylegion, pointing out that around 200 people attended Saturday's show alone.

On the fourth and final day, students in all of the classes gathered together for a culminating performance to collaborate and show one another all that they had learned.

"The advanced guitar players did a thing, percussionists, the choir, and the instructors took part," recalled Pennylegion. "It was unbelievable."

Last year's Winter Folk Camp, which was also held at Wanakita, was three days long and had a different line-up of artists – with the exception of Eve Goldberg, who was an instructor again this year.

"We (organizers) learned a lot of things from last year," explained Pennylegion. "We shortened up the evening concerts, we lengthened the camp, and we did a couple of other things."

One of the bonuses was that participants were given more free time to enjoy the facilities of camp and the great outdoors.

"People skied and snow-shoed on both days – they had a great time," said Pennylegion. Nature walks and yoga classes with local instructor Lynda Shadbolt were also big hits.

Pennylegion says that The Haliburton County Folk Society definitely plans to not only host a third installment of camp at the same venue next year, they plan to keep the annual tradition alive for years to come.

"I know that it will go on next year," said Pennylegion, "but we need to take bit of a breather for a bit before we get at it again."

To stay informed about plans for next year's camp visit www.winterfolkcamp.com. ■



by Mark Arike

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Thanks too to The Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program, HCDC, The Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands and the Education Committee, Haliburton School of the Arts, U-Links, and The Trent/Fleming School of Nursing. Without you, none of this would have happened. We are grateful to The Echo, The Minden Times, and The Voice for giving us excellent press coverage throughout. This is community collaboration at its best.

Visible Voices also had the unerring support of the staff at Highland Wood, Hyland Crest and Extendicare who championed the pilot program Arts Rx and made room for the Visible Voices artmaking.

Our intention is to sustain this wonderful program, so if you are interested in volunteering, know an isolated senior who would benefit, are a senior yourself who would like to be a participant or are someone who could make a donation please call Fay 754 4004, e-mail fay@thecreativecocoon.com or Kim at the Arts Council 457-8033, email kim@haliburtonarts.on.ca Watch for the traveling Visible Voices Display coming shortly to a community near you ...

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firefighters went back in to see what they could salvage and found the cat clinging to the wooden window frame in the front living room. The firefighters then got out a special pet oxygen mask, and revived the cat within a few minutes."

This was the first time the Minden Hills fire department has got to use the pet oxygen masks, which were donated by Minden Animal Hospital Veterinarians Dr. Carol Sanio and Dr. Zigomanis, along with the Invisible Fence Brand company which makes the masks.

"After reading about the availability of pet oxygen masks through the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association, the decision to contact Invisible Fence Brand to order a set for our community was a no-brainer," said Dr. Sanio, owner of Minden Animal Hospital when the masks were donated last year. "Nothing feels worse than not being able to assist an animal when it's in trouble, and we felt a strong obligation to provide the correct tools to our emergency workers."

The donation included three re-usable masks appropriately sized for small animals (cats, small dogs, animals with short snouts such as ferrets, rabbits, guinea pigs and birds), medium-sized animals (20-25 lbs), and large domestic animals (dogs 50 lbs and over).

"You can never be too prepared to help the people and pets in your local area, says Dr. Sanio. We are happy to work with our community and with our emergency response teams whenever we possibly can. Our relationship with Invisible Fence Brand® means everyone wins... people and pets, communities, and emergency teams."

According to statistics provided by the American National Volunteer Fire Council and American Kennel Club an estimated 500,000 pets are affected in home fires each year in the US. During a fire, pets are susceptible to the same potentially fatal products, as are people. The main culprits are carbon monoxide, smoke inhalation and burns. These masks along with oxygen therapy can be used on pets that have been rescued from a variety of situations such as ice rescues, near drowning or trauma from vehicular accidents.

And the good news is that the Irondale kitty survived her ordeal with flying colours. As Jennifer Horner reports, "It was kind of cute because once the fire fighters put the oxygen mask on the cat, after a minute or so, the cat put it's paw on the one fire fighter's hand, as if to say "don't take that away"."

Have Your Say... VOX POP

Do you still celebrate Easter?
Do you think it's an important
celebration still? Do you have
any plans for it? Are you looking
forward to the Easter Bunny coming?



Irene Chartrand, Carnarvon

We do celebrate it, we just
don't go all out and decorate
the house etc. We cook a
nice dinner and just do a
small celebration, like every
other holiday it's become too
commercialised and people
have forgotten the real meaning
of it. The Easter Bunny has
already come in our house but
I'm sure he'll be back!



Lynn Higgs Thompson,
Donald

Yes I still celebrate it and
I think it's an important
celebration still. We'll get
together with my husband's
family, we have a big Easter
egg hunt with the kids, some
of the family will go to Church
and then we all cook up a big
dinner. I am looking forward
to the Easter Bunny!



Ruth Perratt, Richmond Hill

I'll go to Church and I'll attend
a Good Friday service. I think
as the Country becomes more
multi-cultural there isn't such
a focus on Easter as there
once was but I think it's still
important for Christians.
We should appreciate other
cultures and the traditions
they have too. I'm the Easter
Bunny in my household once
the grandchildren come over!

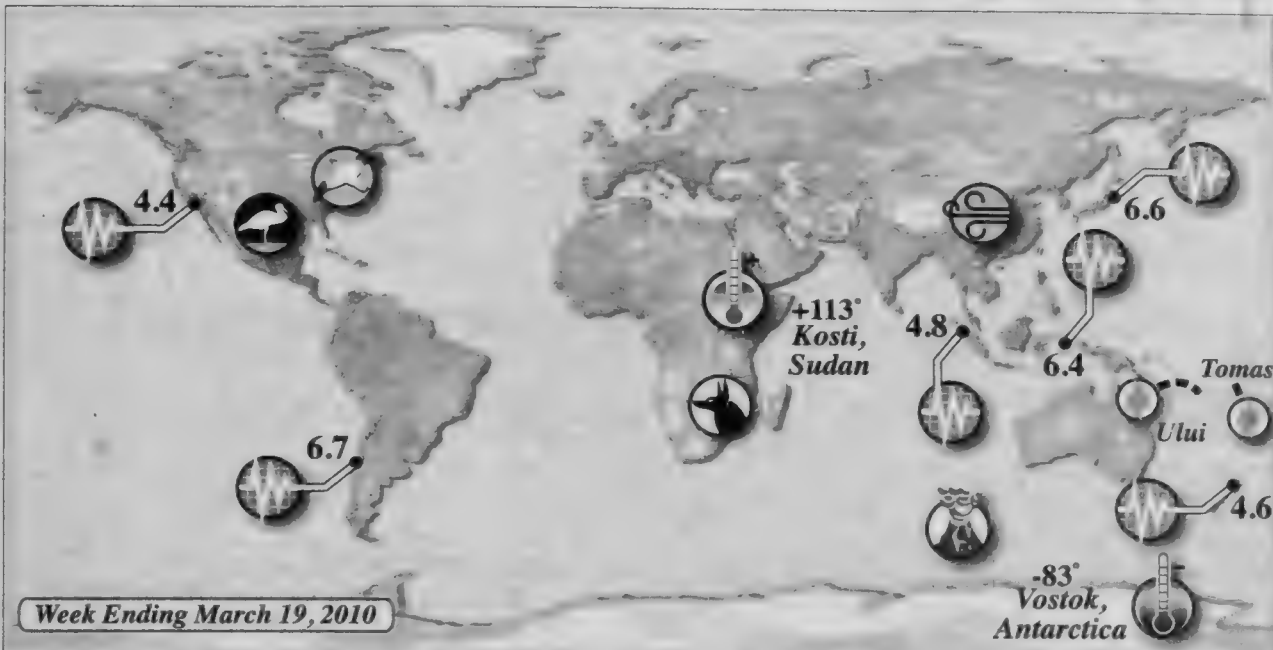


Susanne Hedley, Cardiff

Yes we celebrate Easter, we
have a big Easter egg hunt with
family and then a feast later
on and we'll go to Church.
We always light a candle too;
Easter is a symbol of renewed
hope. It's my guess that Easter
is celebrated more as a holiday
than a holy day now. I'm
excited for my kids to get the
Easter Bunny's goodies!

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Smaller in Warming

Climate change is threatening the survival of some bird species while others are getting smaller with shorter wings due to warming. Responding to one report by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Interior Secretary Ken Salazar warned that migratory birds "are facing a new threat — climate change — that could dramatically alter their habitat and food supply and push many species towards extinction." The FWS report said that climate change will have an increasingly disruptive effect on bird species in all habitats, with oceanic and Hawaiian birds in greatest peril. A separate study led by Josh van Buskirk of the University of Zurich points to a verification of Bergmann's Rule, which says animals tend to become smaller in warmer climates. Buskirk and his colleagues found that of the half a million birds measured while passing through Carnegie Museum's Powdermill ringing station in Pennsylvania between 1961 to 2007, 60 of the 83 species caught in the spring migration now weigh less and have shorter wings.

Volcanic Cooling

Undersea volcanic activity appears to provide a dampening influence on global warming as the seabed eruptions create nutrient-rich water that feeds carbon dioxide-eating plants. Writing in the journal *Nature Geoscience*, Australian and French scientists show that hydrothermal vents around underwater volcanoes in the Southern Ocean spew iron. After billowing to near the surface, the mineral allows single-cell organisms called phytoplankton to bloom, soaking up the greenhouse gas in the process. The world's oceans are believed to remove about 20 to 25 percent of the atmospheric carbon dioxide currently produced by human activities.

Whooping Winter Bounties

This has been a far better winter for a flock of endangered whooping cranes along the South Texas coast than during the parching drought of last winter. Ample rainfall since autumn kept all but one of the 264 birds alive and fully fed in preparation for their seasonal 2,400-mile trek northward to Canada this spring. After being brought back from near total extinction over the past 40 years, a record 23 of the birds, nearly 10 percent of the South Texas flock, died of starvation last year due to dwindling river flows that wiped out much of the crane's main diet of blue crab. There are only about 400 whooping cranes left in North America and the 263-bird flock that nests at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge is the only one that migrates without human assistance.

Tropical Cyclones

Fiji's prime minister said his South Pacific island nation suffered "overwhelming" damage as Category 4 Cyclone Tomas battered northern and eastern areas for three days. Initial reports said only one fatality occurred during the storm, which also destroyed dozens of homes and heavily damaged many more. Earlier, Tomas destroyed approximately 80 percent of the crops on the French overseas territory of Wallis and Futuna.

Australia's Queensland coast was on alert late in the week for approaching Category 1 Cyclone Ului. The storm earlier inflicted damage to buildings on Rennell, in the Solomon Islands, as a Category 5 cyclone.

Earthquakes

A wide area of northern Japan was rocked by a 6.6 magnitude quake centered off the northeast coast of Honshu. No damage was reported.

• Earth movements were also felt in western Sumatra, Indonesia's Maluku Islands, northern New Zealand, the Chile aftershock zone and Southern California.

Sino Sandstorms

Towering clouds of sand darkened skies across a broad swath of China, stretching from westernmost Xinjiang province to Taiwan. The massive sandstorm initially turned the midday sky in Xinjiang an eerie red while motorists were forced to inch along with visibilities of only about 200 feet. Additional clouds of sand were lifted off the Gobi Desert when the front spread across central and eastern China. The red pall eventually reached Taiwan, reducing visibility to about three miles and partially obscuring the sun.

Wrath of the Jackal

Jackals are devouring the crops of several northern Zimbabwe farmers in the wake of devastating hailstorms just two weeks earlier. *The Herald* reports the canines have turned to cotton crops instead of their usual diet of dead carcasses and small animals. "My cotton is at boll formation stage and these dogs eat up the green bolls," Julius Bunda of Bunda village told the Zimbabwe daily. Some farmers say they have tried leaving poisoned meat and hides out to kill the jackals, but the bait instead killed their own dogs. Other farmers have resorted to sleeping in their fields and lighting fires to deter the animal raids. Chief Nematombo, who presides over the region, said the spirits are very angry that his people are not honoring traditional values, leading to a wrath of hailstorms and jackals.

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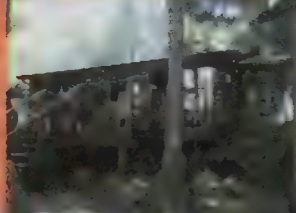
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Terraced property w/ remarkable stone pathway to the lake, surrounded by natural vegetation, to water. 105 ft of gorgeous sand beach, open view. The cottage is fully insulated with UV system. Winter water would be easily installed in the winter room already prepared in the full unfinished basement. Features; hardwood flrs, oak kitchen, triple glazed windows, exceptional lighting inside & out, all round decks, cedar cathedral ceiling, heat lamp, vibrant colours. The peace & tranquility is immeasurable here.

**Kennisis Lake Chain - \$419,700**

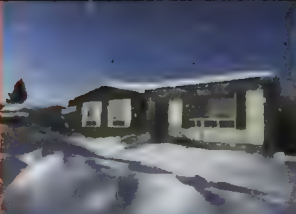
Enjoy gentle elevation & good sun. At 5:30 in the evening there is still sun on the dock. The cottage has Western cedar siding w asphalt shingles, partly on piers and partly with a perimeter wall for storage & warmth. Wood stove & electric BB heat along w heated winter waterlines, 4 season use. Interior cedar & maple hardwood flrs w a contemporary maple kitchen & carpet bedrooms. Sunroom across the front of the building & screened porch across the back. The insulated bunkie & shed are newer.

**Debra Lambe**
Haliburton Office
457-1011
ext. 244**Haliburton Estate Lot - \$99,900**

Private estate lot(5.5 acres) located in newer subdivision in village of Haliburton w/spectacular view of Grass and Head Lake. Conveniently located within walking distance to Sir Sandford Fleming College. Cleared site, drilled well, driveway and septic approved.

**Location Location CENTURY HOME - \$199,900**

Large and well maintained 3 B.R., 2 bath/home in the heart of Haliburton with easy access to all amenities. Situated on corner, landscaped lot w/fenced yard for privacy and lovely gardens. Some features include hardwood oak floors, slate flooring at entrance, main floor laundry and main floor bedroom or office, propane fireplace and carport. Newer windows, roof and furnace. Town sewers. Would be perfect

**Denise LeBlanc**
Minden Office
286-2911
ext. 33**Hunter Creek Estates - \$99,900**

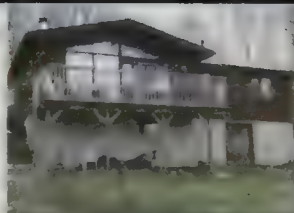
Well built Quebec manufactured home located in Hunter Creek Estates, Mindens adult community. This bright and spacious 3 bdrm home is the only one with a full partially finished basement including workshop, 2 pc bath, and a lovely walkout to the very private back yard. And as an added bonus located at the end of the street. For information call Denise.

**Country Setting Nichols Rd - \$212,900**

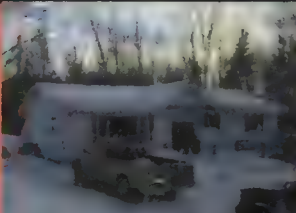
Well built contractors home in a quiet country setting yet very close to town. The Drag river can be accessed a short walk thru the road allowance for swimming, fishing & canoeing. Solidly built home features country kitchen & dining area w/ walkout to lg deck for BBQing, 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 baths along with a full basement and ground level entry. Top it off with stone fireplace w/air tight, FAO furnace, drilled well, & 1.6 acres. Come have a look.

**Fred Chapple**
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ext. 43**North Pigeon Lake - \$249,500**

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ext. 242**Sir Sam's Ski Area - \$194,900**

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**Jeff Wilson**
Haliburton Office
457-1011
ext. 233**Beautiful Lake View - \$219,000**

Well maintained 3 bedroom home only minutes to the town of Haliburton. Interior is finished with pine and features a granite stone fireplace, 2 bathrooms and full basement. Very private lot and loads of potential.

**Residential - \$199,000**

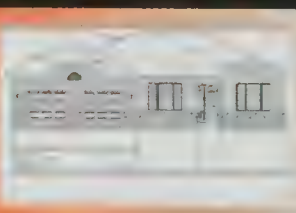
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**Ken* Barry**
Haliburton Office
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ext. 228**Haliburton Lake - \$524,900**

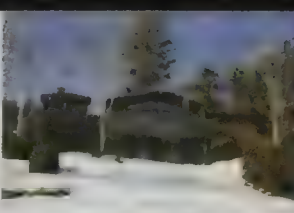
Beautiful three bedroom cottage featuring oak kitchen cupboards w/ island & granite counter tops, three free standing propane fireplaces, large family room, central air & vac, 24' X 32' two storey garage & single car garage. Gentle to moderate slope to the lake with a stunning view and gorgeous sunsets. 9' X 20' lakeside deck, dock, beautiful perennial gardens and privacy complete the package

**13198 Hwy. 118 - \$279,900**

Totally renovated three bedroom home with double attached garage minutes to the Village of Haliburton. Fabulous open concept design allows for great entertaining in the huge modern kitchen, dining and living room area which has a walkout to the large covered deck. New windows, flooring, lighting and 5 pce. bathroom featuring double sinks. The walkout basement is ready to finish to your own tastes and includes roughed in plumbing for a 2nd bathroom. All this sits on a 8.5 acre lot with tons of room to play and explore

**Linda* Baumgartner & Troy Austen**
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**Lynda Litwin**
Minden Office
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ext. 35**Horseshoe Lake Deeded Access - \$295,000**

This lovely 2 bedroom home with a walk out basement is on a park like 2 acre setting of land with a pond, hill top bench, garden, pony barn, dog kennel, gardens to enjoy along with deeded access to Horseshoe Lake within walking distance. Call Lynda Litwin to view this home.

**South Lake Home - \$399,900**

Custom kitchen, huge dining and entertainment area, sunken living room, walk out to lake, level lot, triple garage with workshop. Only 5 minutes to Minden. Call Lynda Litwin to view this home

**Lisa Mercer**
Minden Office
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ext. 46**Twelve Mile Lake - \$599,000**

New log home nestled in a small bay. Sand waterfront. Large verandas in the front and back of this well maintained cottage. Radiant floors in the partially finished basement.

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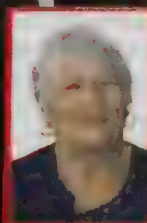
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Vacant Lot - Sandford Court - \$99,900

Private estate lot (5.5 Acres) located in newer subdivision in village of Haliburton with spectacular view of both Grass & Head Lake. Conveniently located close to Sir Sandford Fleming College and shopping area. Cleared site, drilled well, driveway and septic approved.



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This 4 Bdrm, 1 1/2 Bath cottage or home is situated on a beautiful lot with expansive, level grounds at the lakefront. 250 ft of water frontage with south western exposure and shallow entry on beautiful Clear Lake offers a great place to entertain friends and family. Two sheds, workshop with drive through and a small bunkie complete the deal!



Kashagawigamog Lake - \$525,000

Nestled amongst the trees is this 3 bdrm., 2-storey cottage with screened porch, flagstone landscaping, a fire pit, beautiful perennial gardens and a 2-bdrm. Bunkie for guests. Inside is a warm and inviting open-concept main floor with ceramic tile and hardwood floors with bedrooms, family room and balcony upstairs. The clean, clear waterfront is the perfect mix of a great sand beach entrance and deep water off the end of the dock.



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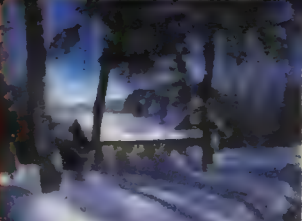


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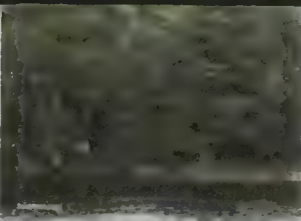


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Country Home - \$235,000

1023 Petticoat Lane - close to Minden - open and bright home tastefully decorated - natural oak kitchen and w/o dining rm. To new deck - cathedral ceilings in living rm. - hardwood floors - 2 + 2 bedrooms - 2 1/2 pc. Baths - main floor laundry - family rm with a fireplace - tastefully landscaped lot and access to Minden Lake - very private



Terry Carr
Haliburton Office
457-1011 ext. 236



Little Glamor Lake - \$329,900

Little Gem on Little Glamor - Totally renovated cottage with custom maple cabinets, pine ceilings, poplar floor & wainscoting. 3 bedrooms and wraparound deck. Upgraded insulation and new roof. Very private, well treed lot with fabulous sand beach and great swimming.



Kennisis River / Halls Lake - \$599,000

Architecturally designed for maximum water view and natural light! Stunning, spacious executive home or cottage located at the mouth of Hall's Lake on Kennisis River. Creative location gives you a big lake view, while being protected from motor traffic on the river. Amenities don't stop with geo-thermal heating, 2 fireplaces, cathedral ceilings, over-sized bedrooms, sun room, large living room, family room, large unfinished basement, 2-car garage, perennial gardens, 11'x11' greenhouse and more!



Tom & Gail Tempest**
Minden Office
286-2911 ext. 41



1224 Denna Lake Road - \$329,000

Charming and very private, this unique home on 28 acres is just 10 minutes from Minden. Newer septic, new above ground pool built into deck adjacent to the house. Fully insulated 14' X 14' bunkie, several sheds, manicured grounds and gardens, a small pond and numerous groomed trails throughout the property. Main floor laundry and a Napoleon woodstove in the living room. In the kitchen you can see some of the log walls from the original building. The kitchen has hardwood floors, a vaulted ceiling and the gorgeous Elmira Cookstove is included.



1138 Sherwood Forest Trail - \$1,100,000

Custom designed - 200' of golden sand beach on Echo Bay. 1 acre professionally landscaped lot - Irrigation system for carefree lawns & gardens. Three bdrms, lg. loft, utility room, geothermal heating/cooling system, 'generac' generator system for those inevitable power outages. Hardwood floors with porcelain tiles in entranceway & kitchen. A four season sun porch plus a screened porch provide yr. round vistas of the lake. Large 2 1/2 car detached garage with huge loft above. Includes joint ownership in over 20 acres of woods & parklands.



Vince* Duchene**
Haliburton Office
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New Listing - \$283,500

Be part of Haliburton's finest development... Haliburton By The Lake featuring this 3,000 + square foot, 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home with an attached 2 car garage located at 80 Halbiem Crescent. This home also features a huge family room, hardwood floors in the Living Room and Dining Room, some ceramic tile, Fireplace in the Living Room and much more. NOTE: The home is not 100% finished so contact me for full details and a list of items to be completed.

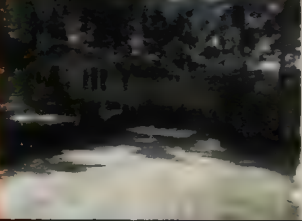


Salerno Lake - \$329,900

Take advantage of a true "family cottage" environment. This 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath backsplitted cottage has loads to offer including pine plank walls and floors, hardwood floors, very cozy, warm interior with lots of windows overlooking the lake. Other features included detached garage, bunkie and an awesome lakeside stone patio with outdoor stone fireplace! Great swimming on the sand beach or dive off the dock into deep water. Won't last long.



Rick* Forget, Iona Fevreau & Mary Harnden
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Little Straggle Lake - \$319,900

Beautiful well maintained Home/cottage with 2 + 1 bedrooms, open concept, fireplace, ensuite, bathroom, lots of knotty pine. Bunkie, garden shed, large 2 bay detached garage and workshop with extra high ceilings to park an RV, winter water, year round access and much more. A must see.



Wilberforce - \$225,000

This ideal immaculate fully featured 3 bedroom, privately located home is only 3 years old and is perfect for a young family or retired couple. Ensuite bath, split entry, full basement and vinyl siding. Central air, air exchanger. Hardwood, ceramic tile and broadloom. High quality appliances including built in dishwasher. Double car garage and generator. Natural setting, close to all amenities. Ideally located in the pleasant village of Wilberforce midway between Haliburton & Bancroft. If you are looking for a turn key home, this is it!



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Algonquin Highlands Budget Remains Stable

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

The Algonquin Highlands Council spent an entire day reviewing their draft 2010 budget last Friday and despite extraordinary and unanticipated costs for expropriated lands to augment airport expansion, the increase in the municipality's portion of area tax notices will likely remain at approximately 2.17 percent for residential properties. Treasurer Sheila Griffin estimated that the total impact will be limited to approximately 4.6 percent when combined with increases implemented by the County. That is, assuming no increases in school taxes from the province.

Since the review in January a few changes have been made by staff and once again Council faced a number of difficult decisions.

Before getting into the meat of the budget, Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner suggested that two municipally owned waterfront properties on Sherborne Lake should be sold to derive additional revenue. He suggested using existing assessed values at this point (estimated at \$196,000 total for the properties) in order to include the anticipated revenues in the budget. Gardner referred to reservations about declaring these lots surplus in the past given overuse of the lake, but said this was no longer the case. He suggested putting the revenue toward the purchase of the Middleton/airport property and Council supported this recommendation.

Fire Chief John Hogg reviewed the details of a \$120,850 or 28 percent increase in his department's budget which basically covered the cost of payments on the new pumper and tanker trucks, a contribution to reserves for an expansion to the Dorset Hall and the soon to be appointed Fire Training Officer.

Hogg pointed out that the contribution to reserves was discretionary which led to considerable discussion about the need for additional space for training in Dorset and alternatives that might be considered. Council ultimately decided to remove the contribution to reserves for this year until a detailed review of space requirements could be done.

Council also voiced concerns over apparent duplications in training and the fact that there seemed to be no substantive cost savings even when a training officer was hired. To this Hogg suggested that by the time the individual was hired, the training officer would only be in place for six months of 2010, most of which would be spent focusing on administration and preparing to meet legislated requirements.

Gardner voiced concern about making cuts to the fire department and referred to the criticism heard last year after making cuts to the department. However, almost every Councillor present agreed that the policy for purchasing safety boots should apply to the fire department as well and concurred that they would no longer purchase boots for newly appointed members.

Griffin then advised Council that much needed repairs to the Dorset Tower road, estimated at approximately \$80,000, would add an additional 2.6 percent to the budget. Councillor Don Shortreed felt strongly that these repairs should be incorporated into the road system rather than remaining a separate budget item with the tower.

Operations Manager Brian Whetstone reviewed cost estimates to improve the Tower road in some detail. Given the overall impact on the budget, Council agreed to leave the cost out of the budget at this time and, as improvements to the tower site were considered construction ready, asked the CAO to investigate funding opportunities that might be available for any or all aspects

of the project including road improvements, painting the tower and improving washroom facilities.

During the January session Whetstone had recommended purchasing a tractor with a roadside brusher, large blower and loader attachment at an estimated cost of \$200,000. However, after further consideration, he advised Council that he did not have enough manpower to operate the piece of equipment full time. He said, "I can't justify the expense without the manpower to operate the equipment," and suggested that purchasing two small one ton dump trucks might assist with smaller maintenance projects like road patching or work on docks and landings and would be a more appropriate acquisition.

Whetstone estimated that the trucks would cost approximately \$150,000 in total which would result in a \$50,000 savings to the equipment reserve. He said, "The reality is that we have a huge area to maintain and this purchase would allow some efficiencies."

Council recognized that from time to time geography worked against the staff, but asked Whetstone if he could make do with one new truck. They also discussed the wisdom of completing a detailed review of all the vehicles in the department and their use. Whetstone assured Council that he tried to make the best use of his resources at all times.

Moffatt commented that she wasn't sure what a report would prove and said that Whetstone's recommendation was good enough for her. "I don't want staff to have to cobble projects together if there is a more efficient way to do things."

During the discussion Whetstone warned Council that his department was outgrowing their Dorset yard. He also said that the health & safety audit had identified that the present situation was not satisfactory. "Let's face reality. This is serious," he said.

This comment further emphasized the need to take a long hard look at space requirements. Moffatt said, "I'm concerned that we have no long term plan, no strategic plans. If there are going to be health and safety issues and problems are looming, why is there no big picture plan for the future. We have no vision."

The CAO agreed that she would like to develop a five or ten year capital plan to work from and Council was very receptive to this idea.

Griffin then advised Council that the airport development project had now been included in the budget rather than just a payment of \$50,000. In January \$240,000 was identified in legal fees for the expropriation negotiations, but Griffin advised Council that this amount had been moved over to the airport development portion of the budget to account for a loan repayment covering a portion of the overall cost of expropriating the Middleton lands. She reported that the impact to the taxpayers this year from either the expropriation or the expansion would be no greater than \$50,000.

In response to a comment by Moffatt that she didn't understand how these extraordinary costs would not impact the taxpayers further, Griffin said, "It will be like paying back any loan. We initially didn't know what the Middleton land would cost. When the amount changed we couldn't afford to pay it without reducing our reserves dramatically."

Griffin confirmed that approximately \$770,000 would be borrowed from their established line of credit.

After several explanations about how the payments would work, Reeve Eleanor Harrison said, "No matter how you look at it, it is all tax dollars." She also said that if the \$50,000 payment on the airport development project wasn't required, the funds could be used to make an additional payment on the line of credit. Both Harrison and Gardner felt that the municipality was well covered and would be paying down a good portion of the principal.

As part of the discussion on their options at the airport, Harrison said, "If all we get is the ability to rehabilitate the airport, let's do it right and include \$25,000 to design the lights (presently not included in rehabilitation work.)"

Gardner suggested removing \$30,000 earmarked for a pad for additional hangars at the airport. "I recommend taking it out this year even if it doesn't change the bottom line." Harrison however, felt the project should be left in. She said, "I'm concerned about cancelling the hangars. This is a little airport that struggles and the hangars generate revenue."

Councillor Diane Griffin commented that the municipality would be spending \$30,000 this year for a pad, an additional \$30,000 the following year for hangars and yet there would be no revenue for eight years other than the initial payment of \$10,000 by each user. "We need more information and in the future we should be getting the funds up front."

Moffatt was also concerned that the municipality was covering the costs and raised a bit of a red flag saying, "I think there is a don't touch don't ask attitude around the airport." She also pointed out that there was no revenue from aircraft landings.

Getting back to the subject at hand, Gardner again said that he would prefer to see the reserve fund remain intact or put towards other expenditures, like the Middleton settlement. An agreement was finally reached that \$10,000 would be allocated for painting existing hangars and the draw from reserves would be reduced by \$20,000.

Finally the CAO suggested that a reserve fund should be established to cover future costs of accessibility.

Council agreed that every effort would be made to pass the budget during the first meeting in April. Coincidentally, that would make it an April fool's budget. At the time of going to print the final numbers resulting from Council's discussions were not yet available, but Griffin was confident that the numbers would not change substantively. ■

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Laura Redman Appointed Writer in Residence at RDL

By Zoe Cittern

Local writer Laura Redman has been named as the prestigious R.D. Lawrence Writer in Residence for the coming year.

The idea of the residency is, according to its mission statement, "To contribute to the creation of an active writing community with the intent of adding to the cultural experience of residents, seasonal residents and visitors. The Writer stimulates the writing culture already alive through creative new ideas and providing encouragement for the writing process. This type of initiative, under the guidance of the Writer in Residence, will provide an opportunity for writers to hone their craft and in turn help to preserve our cultural identity."

The program is made possible through funding provided by R.D. Lawrence Place, the Township of Minden Hills and the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network. It is supported by the Haliburton County Public Library.

Laura Redman is an award winning editor and journalist and her appointment means that she can further develop her skills and concentrate on her works of fiction.

Laura has been working on a group of fictional short stories since the summer and says, "It's really an honour to have been given the opportunity, it will really force me to focus on fiction writing and I hope by the end of the program I will have a body of work completed."

Laura's short stories are set in rural Ontario, her main character is a town councillor who uniquely doesn't bear a name and is faceless. "You read his emotions through other people, sometimes he is a non-existent character, he is there but it's almost as if he could be any character you already know."

The world of print journalism has prepared her for the world of fiction, "I'm so used to delivering on deadlines. I'm finding that my writing is very lean and I leave a lot for people to fill in. You become very disciplined as a newspaper editor." Laura's favourite fiction writers, W.O. Mitchell and Ernest Hemingway, both started their careers as journalists.

As the program is supported by the R.D. Lawrence Place it means Laura will bring programs and workshops to them, primarily involving children with writing. The writer has already for a number of years been conducting children's workshops around schools in the community, "I've been doing workshops ever since I became a journalist. I would do talks at schools about what my job entailed. Some schools would have a newspaper component; we would have fun turning nursery rhymes into newspaper articles!"

Along with the fiction stories and the children's workshops she has recently begun writing a blog. A blog is a type of website, usually maintained by one person with regular entries which could detail a hobby, the writer's thoughts, an action plan, anything that the person wishes to convey. Blogs have become extremely popular within the past decade with many becoming a full-time paid job for the individual.

Writing a blog is something that Laura has never tried before but is finding that, "It's a lot of fun; it's something that the HHWEN really wanted me to do. The first entry is an introduction to my writing background and I'll be discussing topics related to writers. I really hope that the blog will spur people on to respond with questions regarding writing etc." Laura hopes that the website will be up and running in the next week, and when it is you can visit it at www.thewordfarm.ca. ■



Local Resident Commissions Sculpture for R.D. Lawrence Place

Just a few months ago Jonathan Hagarty was contacted to create two sculptures for the R.D. Lawrence Place. Local resident and former owner of County Commercial Printing, Wendy Gunning, generously donated the money for the artist to sculpt the work.

Jonathan created a display case that is currently housing R.D. Lawrence's award plaques along with a new podium. He used materials in his shop to create the display case, stating, "I'm not a carpenter so it took a lot longer than I expected, if I had had the correct tools for it, it would have been a breeze."

The artist has been carving for the past five years and explained, "I've always loved art, I began with drawing and painting but I was never good at capturing the background in the picture. I figured I would try sculpture and I taught myself through trial and error, in-fact mostly error to begin with!"

Jonathan is currently sculpting wooden totem poles and ghostly metal animals for a customer's garden. His workshop is directly next to the Art Hive located on Highway 118 West from Haliburton and you'll catch him there most days in his workshop.

The money donated from Ms. Gunning has meant that Jonathan could create two beautiful works of art that you can check out at the R.D. Lawrence Place in Minden, which is open Wednesdays to Saturdays, 10am to 5pm. ■



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Storm Atom AEs All Ontario OMHA Champs!

Gutsy Squad defeats Ilderton Jets 2 -1 to Win Series 3 - 1.

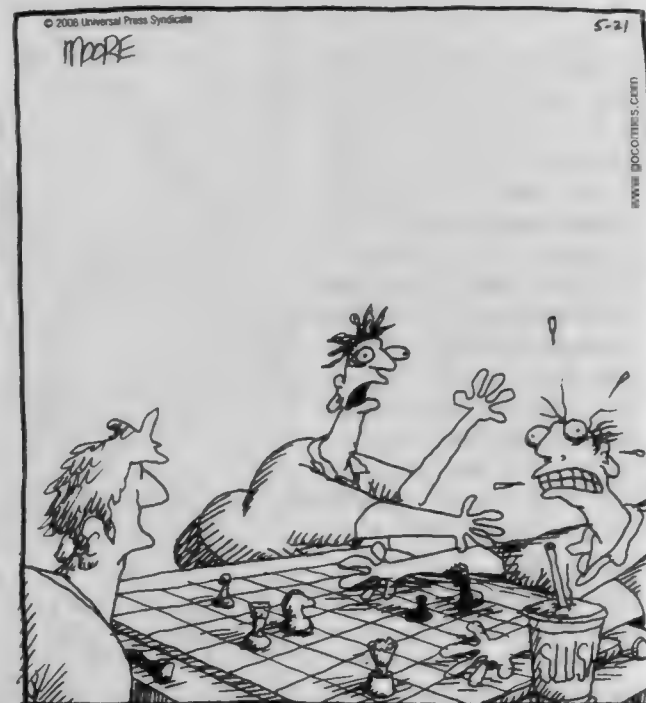
By Karena Crofts, Team Manager

Highland Storm Atom AE are the OMHA All Ontario Champions for groups 4 and 5!! What a weekend. The Ilderton Jets arrived at Pinestone by coach bus around 2 pm on Saturday March 20/10 and then onto Minden Arena for the 530 pm game. Some of the Highland Storm parents arrived early to set up for the post-game "meet and greet" in the upstairs room. Anita Bertucca did a great job decorating the room and tables and also the arena with "Go Storm Go" posters. The Highland Storm boys knew the pressure was on to win this game to get one up on the Jets. With the printed programs and opening ceremonies arranged and coordinated by Dave McKay our OMHA rep. Wade MacInnes doing the announcing in the opening ceremonies, in a packed Minden Arena, we were off to a great start. When the game started the storm clouds rolled in and grounded the Jets with five unanswered goals. Our goalie Anthony Bertucca was awesome, stopping everything the Jets sent his way to keep his shut out.

The goals go to Alex Wilbee (2) (with one more to get for 75 goals for the season), Trevor Turner, Jack Dobie and Owen Smith. Assists go to Greg Crofts (3), Jacob Haedicke and Jack Dobie and great hockey from Ryan Prentice, Devyn Prentice, Jake Bull and Carter O'Neill. The score was 5-0. Even after their loss, the post-game "meet and greet" with the Ilderton Jets went great. Once again I have to comment on how it is difficult to have such nice opponents, there was to ill will or comments from either parents or players on both sides.

Game 4 on Sunday March 21/10 in Haliburton, the pressure was still on for the Storm boys, if they lost it meant returning to Ilderton Friday for a game Saturday morning at 1130 am, not something any of us really wanted to do. They knew the Jets would come out full throttle and they would have to match that. Once again we had opening ceremonies which included introduction of both team members, the singing of the national anthem and a ceremonial puck drop. With all the pleasantries aside the game began and the Jets scored the first goal, but it did little to dampen the cheering crowd or the Storms perseverance. The Storm managed to tie the game near the end of the first period with a goal from Greg Crofts, assisted by Trevor Turner. The second period came and went with no goal by either side and as the third period ticked away overtime loomed on the horizon, not a good thing. The Storm gathered force and determination and sent the Jets back to the hanger, when Owen Smith scored the winning goal (with one more to get for 50 goals for the season) with only 2:19 to go. The Jets pulled their goalie for a sixth man, but the Storm held them at bay to pull out the win (2-1) to become OMHA Champions. I need to thank a number people who donated to help us with the meet and greet food and gift bags:

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"Time out -- brain freeze!"

Highland Storm Atom A All Ontario Finalists!



The stands are packed and excitement is high. Opening ceremonies by Wade MacInnes, Tanner Ballantyne drops the puck and Kelsey Crowe sings O Canada, the game is underway. Battling hard and with teamwork the boys lost 5-4 to the Harrow Rams in O.T.

Owen "Smitty" Smith had two goals and an assist, Chris Thompson gone one goal and one assist, and Matt Wilbee had two assists.

Amazing saves by goal tender Josh Bellefleur. All the boys put in a great effort.

On Sunday in Haliburton the opening ceremonies included a puck drop by Minden's own world-class curler Jake Walker, and then the game was on, with the Storm battling hard all the way. After falling behind 4 - 0, Nolan Flood scored, assisted by Andrew Hall: but the Harrow Rams kept up the pressure, and the final score was 8-1.

Medal presentations followed. Atom A received All Ontario Finalist Medals and a trophy to display with pride.

The Atom As had a great year, winning 13, losing just twice, and tying three times. They were finalists in their home tournament, won the Norwood tournament, and won the championship at the highly competitive Liftlock tournament in Peterborough. In the playoffs they swept Essa, Ennismore, and Delhi before taking on the Harrow Rams. Congratulations: you should be just as proud as your parents and community is of your achievements!

Monica Keefer ■

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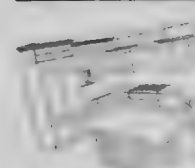
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We still have a little hockey left as we have to finish the playoffs in our own "loop", but it was decided that we would have to playoff against an "A" team for this, so we will be playing against the Gravenhurst "A" this weekend coming. No specific date,time or place has been set yet, I will keep you posted. Once again Thank you. ■



Musher's Lifelong Dream Ended by Officials

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

On March 16th Hank DeBruin got the phone call no musher on the Iditarod wants to get: Race Marshall Mark Nordman was on the line wanting to ask Hank some questions regarding the pace of his dogs and his competitiveness. After Hank hung up the phone, his dream was over and he pulled out of the Iditarod.

Hank DeBruin along with his wife Tanya are the owners of Winterdance, a dog sled tour company that operates from Drag Lake. It had been Hank's lifelong dream to complete the Iditarod; a 1,150 mile dog sled race from Anchorage in Alaska to the western town of Nome.

The lonely wilderness, harsh terrain and sub zero temperatures are just a few of the obstacles that mushers have to deal with on the course. However whisperings of mushers being coerced to pull out of the Iditarod in recent and the current year has left many fans with a bitter taste in their mouths.

When Hank decided to leave the Iditarod race on March 16th it was a shock to many of his friends, crew and fans when only hours earlier reports drifted in that he was feeling confident. In fact he had told Tanya's brother that he would "see him in Nome." So what went wrong and ultimately whose decision was it for Hank to leave the race?

In the last issue we reported on the pressure that many mushers are made to feel when running the race. Tanya said, "Between his sleep deprivation and disappointment that the musher behind him had scratched and feeling like the race judges were pushing him to move faster than he felt the dogs could, he was wondering if he should call it a race." It should be noted that when Ward, Tanya's brother met up with Hank in Nulato (the checkpoint he pulled out from the race) he was "in good spirits and happy to continue on." Hank was determined to finish the race. Above all Tanya stated, "He had not planned on scratching in Nulato or anywhere else and had his sled packed and was about to bootie. He had wanted to catch the next teams but if not was aiming for the fastest Red Lantern (last place position) ever."

Rewind to the earlier phone conversation between Hank and Nordman and it'll explain a lot. The following statements were written from Hank on Winterdance's Facebook fan page while he was still in Alaska.

Hank explains "It should be noted that before the phone call Mark Nordman had been incredibly kind to both Tanya and I... for which we were and are grateful.

"The phone call that ensued questioned why the team had run

so slow into Nulato and told me I was the slowest team in 15 years to do that stretch. I tried explaining about the cold, the wind, this being new for my dogs but they did it. I tried saying we had the wind at our back now so would make much better time. I also said we would be caught up with the back two teams by the checkpoint after that. We were still well within the mandatory cut off times (by almost a full day).

"Nothing I said received any encouragement. I was left with the opinion that I either pull the plug in Nulato or run to the next checkpoint and have this conversation all over again with the same outcome. If it was to end in 30 miles anyway I saw no point in asking my dogs to keep going. And with no time to reconsider or to call home for perspective, the dream, the time and the investment all seemed for naught."

Tales of the cash strapped Iditarod has echoed throughout the Iditarod

wasn't traveling fast enough. It remains to be seen what will happen to Loveman's case however Hank won't be going in the same direction as the American.

Hank states, "We have no desire to sue the Iditarod. What good would it do? Maybe get back some of our \$50,000 plus investment to race this year but maybe not. And in the process further financially weaken the incredible dream of the great Joe Redington (the creator of the Iditarod race) that is the last thing we would ever want.

"What I would like though is an explanation from the Iditarod Trail Committee as to why the phone call that ended our dream was made when according to their own rules we were running fine. I would like assurances that Rule 36 would be re-written again; to lay out with no blurred lines when a team will no longer be considered 'competitive.' Is it when you fall 10 hours behind the last team, is it when you are a checkpoint behind?

"No Rookie team, after having invested all the time and money and met all of the qualifying standards should ever be left worrying if they will be getting a phone call from the race marshal because they are last. Someone has to be!"

In 2009 rule 36 was rewritten after Loveman challenged the ITC about its description. Rule 36 from this year now states, "A team may be withdrawn that is out of the competition and is not in a position to make a valid effort to compete. If a team has not reached McGrath within 72 hours of the leader, Galena within 96 hours of the leader or, Unalakleet within 120 hours of the leader, it may be presumed that a team is not competitive." However the entire time Hank was in the race he was well within the cut off times.

Hank offered his perspective on the future of him racing, "While the race certainly didn't end the way we had envisioned and there will be no celebration in Nome for our team and family, it was an amazing journey. People ask if I will come back and run Iditarod again. Two days ago I said never, now I don't know. Without major corporate sponsors most people can't afford to do this race every year. It took us three years to save and fundraise to get here. Maybe if the ITC clarified their rules so they weren't random we might someday. Running our team under the arch in Nome is a dream that won't die easily after over a decade long obsession."

Tanya had days earlier described to fans the highs and lows that Hank had experienced when running the Iditarod. Hank explained a few of them, "The trail and the villages; nothing prepares you for this and the landscape leaves you breathless. The people make you feel like you are going home to long lost friends and the generosity they show is like nothing I have ever experienced before.

"The excitement and joy I felt when I delivered the packages of mail to the villages from our children's and Ms. Kerr's classes brought tears to my eyes.

Although Hank pulled out of the race regardless of the unfair circumstances let's not forget that amazing race he had run since starting out on March 6th. He and his dogs still ventured on throughout the harsh conditions.

"I am so proud of my dogs, they made me so proud. We ran through white out blizzards, through the Alaska range with snow so deep that if the dogs went off the trail they completely disappeared. Wind so strong you would try to put straw down for them and watch it get whipped away before it hit the ground. Our last night, I was told by a villager it had been minus 50F on the river with a head wind. You turn your face into that and it is like razor blades on your skin and still while the dogs slowed down they pushed on."

Although Hank's dream is over for the meantime, maybe one day he'll attempt it again and maybe that day it will be without the pressure from officials so that day he'll make it to Nome. Always though Haliburton will be there cheering him on from home or from the sidelines as an inspiration to us all. ■

Hank DeBruin pictured a few months before he took on the Iditarod sits with his two sons Dustyn and Logan



community, with race officials allegedly pressuring teams at the end of the pack to pull out due to economic reasons. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to service the checkpoints along the trail and keeping checkpoints open after the majority of mushers have gone through them would be more money spent.

Hank explains what happened before he had the one phone call that ended it all: "I had no doubt at Nulato the team and I would get to Nome. The vet gave our team a good report and said he saw no problems with them running to Nome.

"I was certainly aware of the new cutoff times and had planned to run a 13 day Iditarod with even run, even rest. It was no secret, my run was going as planned leaving me lots of buffer time against the new cutoff times but I guess that wasn't enough. I am perfectly comfortable running on my own, and actually enjoy running that way where I can keep the dogs at a pace that is right for them."

A musher from Iditarod 2009, Rob Loveman from Montana, filed suit against the race after allegedly being forced to withdraw from the Iditarod as he was too far behind the other teams and

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"Through My Eyes" Highlights Senior Safety

Elder Abuse exists, but Exhibit "portrays seniors in a positive light."

By Zoe Cittern

Four to 10 per cent of all seniors (aged 55 and older) in Ontario will be abused at some point in their later lives. Yet statistics show that only one in 12 cases are ever reported which has led programs and organisations to highlight these concerns and to prevent abuse from happening.

Haliburton County has one of the largest seniors populations in the Province based on percentage of total population so it's certainly something we shouldn't ignore.

One initiative that was spearheaded by Karen Anderson, Coordinator of the Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Elder Abuse Prevention Network, was a photography exhibit named Through My Eyes, the result of a New Horizons for Seniors Project. The exhibit was held at the Parklane apartments in Haliburton last Thursday.

The grant money meant that 2,000 free senior safety calendars could be created along with a mobile display. The display featured photographs taken by seniors of seniors as the subject matter, and approximately 100 were sent in. The display will be used by Anderson at conferences or events when discussing elder abuse.

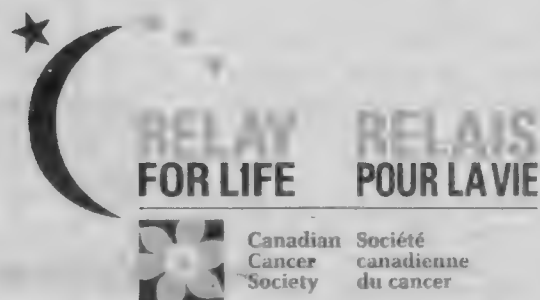
Anderson said she wanted "to portray seniors in a positive light and to celebrate them. The photographs are a way of respecting seniors. Many images of elder abuse are negative and sad but I wanted to show seniors in an uplifting way. There is often a stigma attached to elder abuse and many people can avoid displays about senior abuse but the moving display is much more eye-catching and visually stimulating. If we respect seniors in our society then there won't be elder abuse."

The safety calendars feature phone numbers of senior organizations, ways to prevent elder abuse, along with phone numbers for the OPP. Many seniors are ashamed or embarrassed to call the police while the calendars encourage them to pick up the phone and report the abuse.

At the event to showcase the photography other senior agencies were there to give out advice to the seniors who attended.

One photograph that stood out on the photography exhibit imaged Evelyn Stata, participating in the Ontario Senior Games in St. Catharines three years ago. A powerful and positive stride was encapsulated, and Evelyn wore a t-shirt emblazoned with the line 'Never Quit,' a strong statement which echoes Anderson's sentiments about senior abuse. Anderson comments, "When seniors are active participants they are less likely to be abused than those who are isolated and dependent."

Stata will compete at the district 11 senior games in May and hopes to qualify for this year's Ontario Senior Games. Although she says, "I'm competing in the over 75 1600m walk however there has been a considerable drop in the number of participants in the games over the years. I hope I'm not racing alone!" Stata walks everyday in the spring and summer and in the winter walks the hallways where she lives to keep active, showing that determination and dedication can keep you fit at almost any age.



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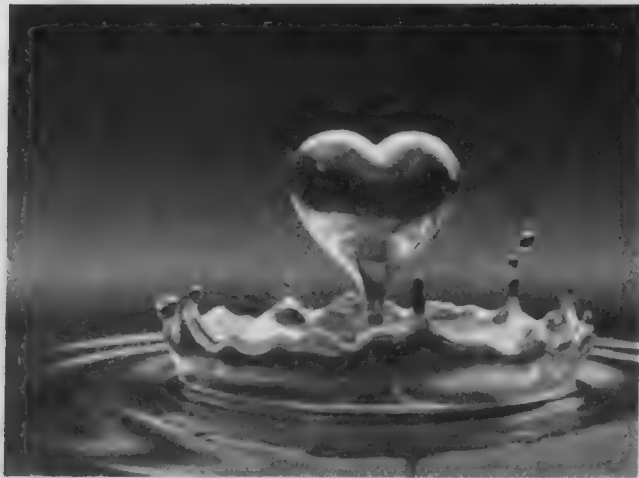
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Health Unit Promotes the Importance of Conserving and Protecting Water



Area residents are being asked to tap into ideas to protect local sources of water, especially in their day-to-day use of the liquid resource.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is marking World Water Day (March 22) by encouraging people to protect and conserve water so it does not become contaminated with bacteria, viruses, parasites or chemicals. When it does, water quality and usefulness is compromised.

"We use water for drinking, cooking, cleaning and cooling down after exercise, and it is a vital ingredient for our lives," says Anne Alexander, Director of Environmental Health with the HKPR District Health Unit. "However, we often take the safety and quality of water for granted until someone becomes ill. When that occurs, we all suffer."

Alexander encourages a "water wise mentality" for anyone who turns on a tap or sends water down the drain. That is an important public health message, when Public Health Inspectors with the Health Unit are legislated to monitor local drinking water quality, approve the installation of private sewage systems in the area, and inspect beaches and public swimming pools to ensure they are safe for public use.

For homeowners who rely on wells for drinking water, regular testing is recommended to head off contamination problems. Testing is recommended three times a year, in the spring, summer and fall. Well water should also be tested if the well has been dormant, had any repairs or if there is a change in water appearance, colour or odour.

"Spring time, in particular, is an important time to put your well to the test, since the melting snow, increased amounts of rainfall and water runoff can potentially cause contamination of well water," Alexander notes.

Free water testing is available for people who live in Haliburton County, Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes. Residents can pick up water testing bottles and kits from any local Health Unit office. The Health Unit will forward the samples to the provincial lab in Peterborough, which tests the water, and then sends the results back to the well owner. Public Health Inspectors with the Health Unit can help interpret water results, discuss common water quality problems and offer advice on corrective actions.

With many area residents relying on septic systems for waste water disposal, Alexander says it is also important to ensure these systems work. Poorly maintained or damaged septic systems can contaminate ground water, putting people's health at risk, she notes. The Health Unit is also responsible for approving the installation of private sewage systems in this area, except for the Town of Cobourg and Municipality of Trent Hills.

For more information on water safety, contact a Public Health Inspector in your local Health Unit office or visit the Health Unit's web site at www.hkpr.on.ca.

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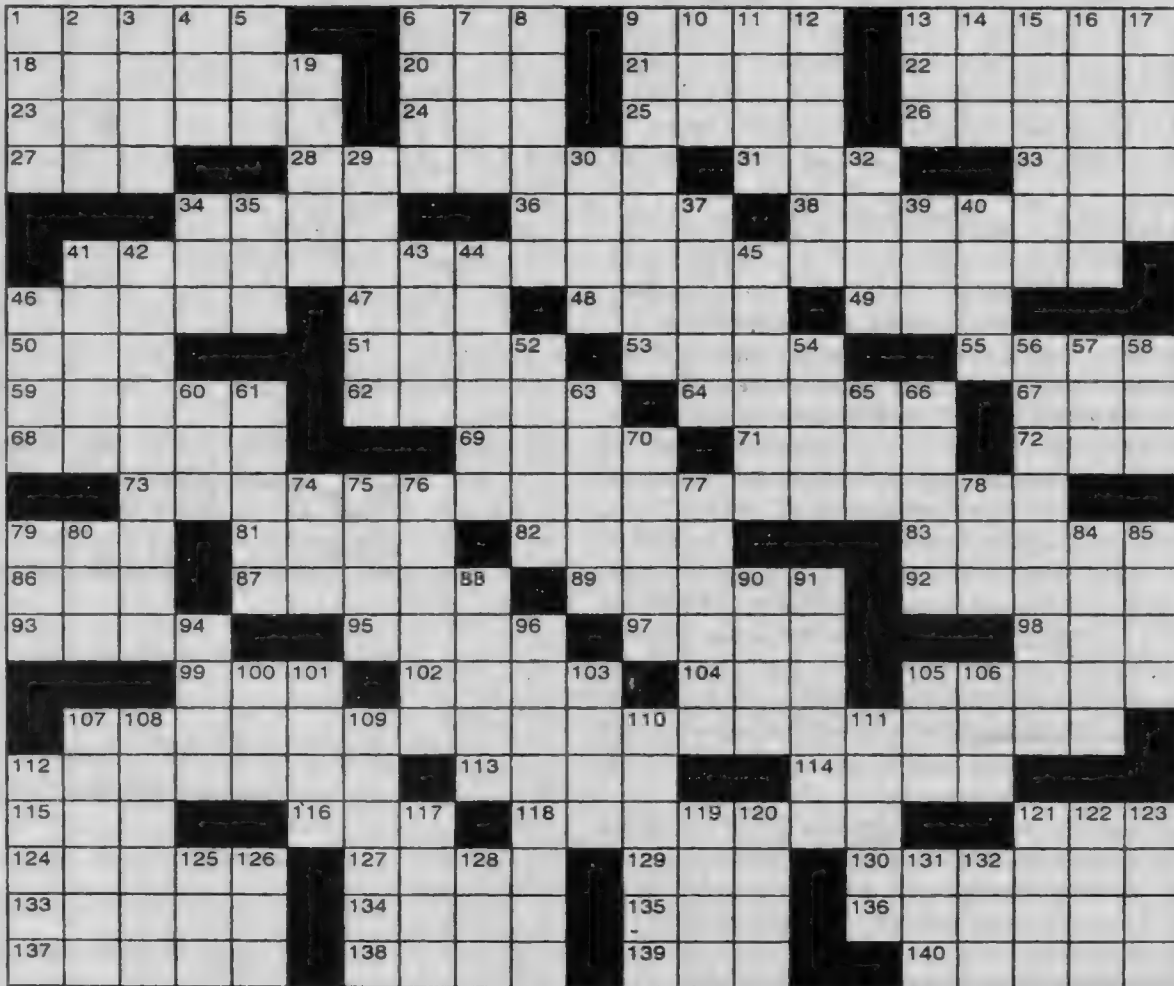
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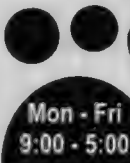
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DEAR ABBY: My son, "Peter," is in college working on a post-graduate degree. He arranged a date with a young woman while they were home over the holidays. After accepting the first date and breaking it, she agreed to a second one. As Peter was driving to pick her up, he called to double-check her address only to be told she was still at a previous engagement. Naturally, Peter expected she'd call back when she was free — but she didn't. There was no explanation, no call or text or any further communication. What is happening to young people today? Do texting and online social networking encourage them to avoid simple human kindness and consideration of others? I think these new devices are giving kids an easy way to get out of difficult and uncomfortable situations. They don't have to hear the hurt of rejection or the sting of their rudeness through a text or a chat page. Meanwhile, my thoughtful, sensitive son sat home thinking he wasn't important enough for an explanation! At 26 he's beginning to think he should just focus on finishing school and forget the dating scene. And if this is the caliber of today's young women, maybe he should! — **MOTHER OF A GOOD SON**

DEAR MOTHER: Your son may be thoughtful and sensitive, but he appears to have unfortunate taste in women. You say he is working on a postgraduate degree? How old was the girl — because she appears to have the emotional maturity of a young teenager. Nobody likes rejection, but Peter should consider the source. Rather than giving up on dating, he should look for company among women who are at his intellectual and emotional level — in college or grad school or perhaps a little older.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 29-year-old female who would like to know why people feel compelled to tell random strangers to "smile." I was in the market the other night and a man came walking by me saying, "You dropped something," and was pointing to the floor. I looked down and said, "I don't see anything." He then told me, "You dropped your smile." Abby, I was SO not amused. I turned around going back to my business saying, "Oh, OK." The man proceeded to walk away mumbling, "Don't look so serious. It's only the grocery store." I hate when people do this. It happens to me a lot and has most of my life. People — especially seniors — say, "Don't you dare smile for me, don't you dare!" Or, "Smile! You're too cute not to smile." An old gentleman said, "Oh, she's like ice — so cold, never smiles." What can I do if this happens again? I don't see the need to walk around the store or sit at my desk at work with a Cheshire cat grin on my face all day. Any suggestions? — **OFFENDED IN GILROY, CALIF.**

DEAR OFFENDED: The man who asked if you had "lost" something may have been making a clumsy attempt to pick you up. That sometimes happens in markets. As to the "older people" who comment on your expression — or lack thereof — they may consider themselves so "senior" that they can "coax" you into doing as they would like — like "coochooing" a baby to make it laugh on cue.

Making personal remarks to strangers is, of course, rude. My advice to you is to distance yourself from those individuals as quickly as possible. Speaking personally, if I was approached the way you have been, the last thing I'd be inclined to do is smile or engage them at all. I'd be offended, too.



BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sense of honesty that makes people believe and trust in you.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be upset about having to deal with problems that are no fault of your own. But you can turn the annoyance into an asset by showing how quickly and how well you can resolve them.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's fondness for tidiness pays off when you untangle a situation that seems hopelessly snarled. You might later be surprised to learn who will be expressing his or her gratitude.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although you can tackle your assignment the way you prefer, it might be a good idea to at least ask for suggestions. Who knows? One or two might even turn out to be helpful.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Make all the changes in your plans or proposals that you feel are necessary before — repeat, before — you submit them to your colleagues. You'll come off looking more decisive that way.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might feel a mite intimidated in a new environment, be it a job, a classroom or meeting the future in-laws. But enter with a big smile, and everyone will see you as a real take-charge Cat.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This could be a romantic time for you if you can set aside your cynicism and let yourself believe that someone really cares. If you're already in a relationship, expect your partner to be extra-loving.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's a good time to shed any doubts about your abilities. You've proved yourself in the past, so why not accept that you'll do just as well, or better, in dealing with the new challenge ahead?

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your suspicions might be on the mark, but unless you can prove what you assume, you need to exercise that Scorpion discretion and let events unfold without your assistance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Be careful not to go over the top this week. Avoid overeating (especially of the wrong foods), or drinking too much, or working too hard. You can do it all, but in moderation.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A family matter is given to you to resolve because you have the gift for bringing quarrelsome kinfolk together. But while you're playing Dr. Phil, don't neglect your career obligations.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone of importance shares your goals but disagrees with your plan to achieve them. Never mind. Defending your methods with logic and facts earns you admiration and respect.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Consider getting away, perhaps for the weekend, despite all the demands made on your time and energies. You'll return refreshed and ready to tackle it all with your usual finesse.

ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: STARTS WITH "M," ENDS WITH "E"
Each answer is a name. First name starts with "M," and last name ends with "E." (e.g., A famous Walt Disney character.
Answer: Mickey Mouse.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. His uniform No. 7 was retired by the Yankees.
Answer: _____
2. Movie star who was baptized Norma Jeane Baker.
Answer: _____
3. He was known as "Mr. Television."
Answer: _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. He created the detective Mike Hammer.
Answer: _____
5. She was the first person honored with two Nobel Prizes.
Answer: _____
6. Her husband was Louis XVI of France.
Answer: _____

Answer: _____

PH.D. LEVEL

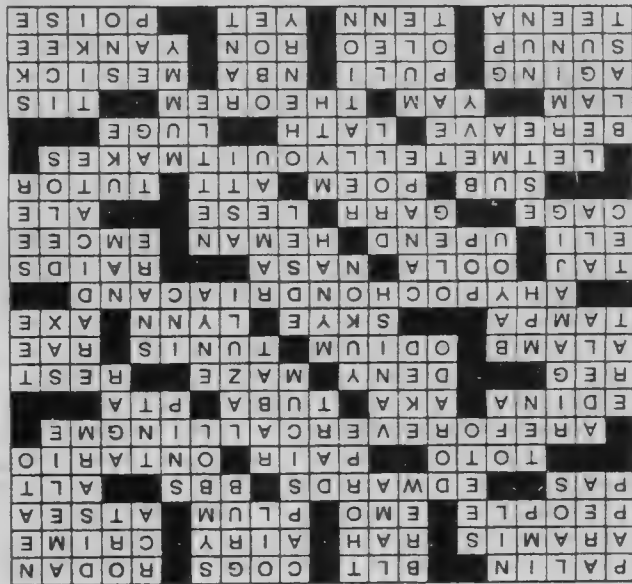
7. She was the first to witness the resurrection of Jesus.
Answer: _____
8. Author of "The English Patient."
Answer: _____
9. Feminist best known for her relationship with William Butler Yeats.
Answer: _____

ANSWERS: 1. Mickey Mantle. 2. Marilyn Monroe. 3. Milton Berle. 4. Mickey Spillane. 5. Marie Curie. 6. Marie Antoinette. 7. Mary Magdalene. 8. Michael Ondaatje. 9. Maud Gonne.

SCORING:

18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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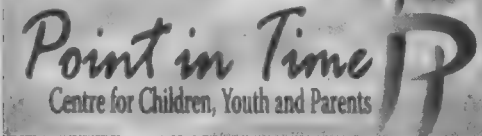
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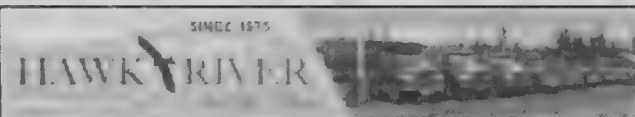
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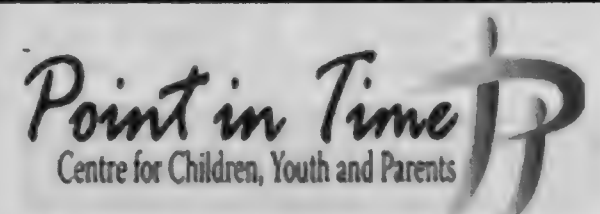
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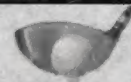
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DEATH NOTICES



Trevor Babbs (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital with his family at his side on Friday morning, March 19, 2010 in
his 82nd year. Beloved husband of Eva Babbs (nee Walling). Loving father of Tom (Fiona) of
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A Different Spin on Textiles

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter



We've probably all been rejected for at least one job in our lives and if you haven't then count yourself lucky. Someone who knows all about rejection letters is upcoming artist Erika Defreitas. However she managed to turn her misfortune into something else; thought provoking, humorous art showcased at a recent exhibition.

The opening reception of the exhibition Fibre Arts premiered at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden last Friday. Twenty seven artists had their beautiful work displayed, each completely unique yet all tied together under the medium of fibre arts. Fibre arts is a style of fine arts made with textiles and is more concerned with creativity and skill in the end product than functionality.

Torontonian Defreitas used well known phrases from her rejection letters such as 'it is therefore with great regret' and cross stitched them to form a series of six pieces which featured her trials and tribulations over the course of her career.

Ironically Defreitas herself used to work in an art gallery and had to send out rejection letters using the repeated phrases that she used to create her fibre art. She says, with a smile, "If I ever worked in a gallery again I would never follow a template again and each one would be personalised!"

Why would she even keep the rejection letters to begin with though? "I suppose I have obsessive tendencies so I collected them all in a binder plus it keeps tracks of places that I've applied to." One day when Defreitas was juggling with the idea of quitting art she looked up at her mothers framed, cross stitched Home Sweet Home sign. The next thing she knew she was busy cross stitching parts of her rejection letters. She explains, "Artists always say you can make art out of nothing. To begin with I stitched the rejection letters for myself and then

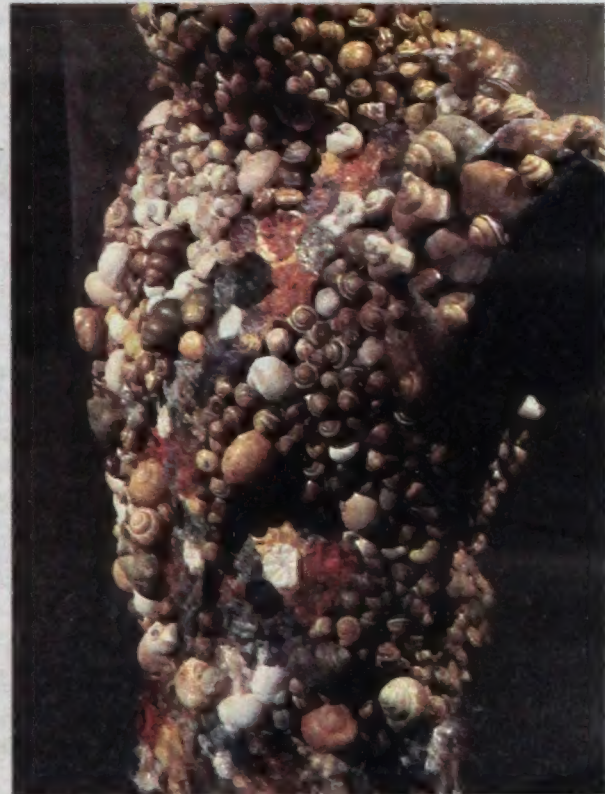
I heard about the call for submission for this exhibition and I decided to enter."

It appears that Defreitas unrelenting attitude finally paid off with her art work finally hanging proudly on a gallery's wall.

The fibre arts exhibition is truly a marvel to look at, each piece unique in its depiction and story. On closer inspection each one signals something new each time. The exhibition took two years in the making and has taken the regular form of textile, reversed it and turned it into fibre arts.

Laurie Carmount the curator for the exhibition says, "Fibre arts exists by itself, it sits around visual arts. Knitting, crocheting, thread-work is used as sculptures or joined with paint or as installation pieces." Rather than viewers generally expecting to view fibre arts as mere textiles the artists created more than that, they took the form of fibre and used it to create art.

Over several years of driving to her parent's house in Kanata, artist Laura Trach would see the rapid continuation of urban sprawls burgeoning in the area in stark contrast to the abandoned barns and wild areas closer to Haliburton. So she decided to portray her thoughts



about the mass of houses that demolished the countryside in a series of art work.

Trach took photographs of the two different areas and then printed them onto fabric; she then only stitched onto areas of the photographs which highlighted destruction. For example a digger is picked out of urban sprawl landscape with heavy stitching. Later she would juxtapose an image of a subdivision with a farmhouse in the country. Trach's work entitled Transitions highlights the cycle that housing developments often take. Trach who used to be a fashion designer and now teaches fibre arts at Fleming College says, "When people are done with stuff they move on, eventually the new becomes the old and will inevitably turn into the desolate scenes."

The fibre arts exhibition runs at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until May 29th. ■



Above left: work by Cynthia Jackson titled, Skull Pepper, above right: work by Marianne Kyrlyuk titled, Within our Grasp, above: work by Wendy O'Brien titled The Guardian. Below: Local Residents share laughs as they all try to squeeze into a nine headed sweater titled Here We Are As One created by Suzen Green.

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Highlands Land Trust Invites Enviro-Heroes Nominations

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) invites you to nominate Enviro-Heroes! to be honoured at our Gala Celebration of Environmental Excellence on the evening of Friday, May 28, 2010 at the Minden Hills Community Centre.

An Enviro-Hero has made a major contribution to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living, "green" business or the arts in Haliburton County. An Enviro-Hero may be an individual, business, or organization. A distinguished panel will select the winners in each of six categories. The winners will receive an award specially designed by renowned artist, Mary Anne Barkhouse, a past member of HHLT's Board of Directors.

Enviro-Hero Categories

1. Health - a person or organization whose environmental activities promote, exemplify or result in healthy lifestyles. (Past award winners: Margaret & Peter Brogden and Rosie Kadwell)
2. Stewardship - a person, landowner or organization that has provided leadership in conserving and protecting our water, forests, flora, fauna or mineral resources. (Past award winners: Ed Poropat and Donald Benson)
3. Education - a person or organization that has effectively organized and delivered environmental education opportunities for children, youth, or adults. (Past award winners: Jim McHardy and Chris Magwood)
4. Business - a business or non-profit organization that has excelled in developing "green" business practices and/or providing "green" products/services that protect the environment. (Past award winners: Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve Ltd and Glenside Ecological Services)
5. The Arts - an artist who has produced a body of work that celebrates our natural environment. (Past award winners: John Lennard and Wendy Bateman)
6. Youth - a student up to 18 years of age who has demonstrated a commitment to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and environment through education, stewardship, healthy living, or the arts. (Past award winner: Kyla Suchovs)

Nomination Forms must be submitted by April 2, 2010 and are available on-line at: <http://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca/> or by contacting: Barrie Martin, Director, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, 705-754-3436 - barrie.martin@sympatico.ca ■



TENDER FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST

Tender #2010-001

Repairs at the Highland Grove Fire Hall Roof

Specifications of work to be completed at the Highland Grove Fire Hall can be picked up at the Fire Hall in Wilberforce.

Successful bidder must provide a copy of liability insurance, proof of WSIB coverage and all personnel is to wear appropriate safety equipment i.e. boots, hard hats & to be tied off to prevent falling.

A mandatory health and safety meeting will be held prior to work commencing.

Bids must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. Monday April 12, 2010 to the Municipal Office in Wilberforce.

Any questions or concerns regarding the above please contact Bill Wingrove, Fire Chief at 448-2240.

The lowest of any other tender not necessarily accepted.

Full Day Kindergarten Will be in Haliburton within Five Years

The Johnsons Perform – and Talk

By Zoe Cittern

Children and their parents and caregivers gathered at the Dysart library last Thursday to listen to Rick and Terri Johnson sing a string of kid's songs encapsulating that carefree time in our lives. Children enthusiastically got into the spirit, happily dancing and singing along.

Before he picked up his guitar the Voice asked MPP Rick Johnson his thoughts on the initiative of bringing full day kindergarten to schools across the province. The program will be introduced over five years. According to Johnson "it will be steadily broken in and go to the neediest schools first. When I was on the school board I often found that those in grade one were often behind those nationally in grade one. In 2001 for one year we introduced the reading and writing program and it had remarkable affects on children. It'll help parents immensely due to day-care costs, further there will be seamless entry from kindergarten to grade school and teachers will be able to decipher any problems at an earlier age. Every child who graduates from Haliburton County deserves the same chances as everybody else in the province."

Full day kindergarten will certainly provide a welcome to parents in the county and to children to give them the best start in life as possible. ■



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON 2010 TENDERS, QUOTATIONS AND REGISTRATION

Tenders/quotations and registration to provide the following services and/or materials to the County of Haliburton Public Works Department will be accepted until **11:00am local time, March 29, 2010:**

- Supply of RS1
- Supply of Diesel Fuel and Furnace Oil
- Supply of Guideposts
- Supply of Oil and Lubricants
- Supply of Winter Sand for 2010/2011
- Supply of Information Signage
- Equipment Rental
- Truck Registration
- Roadside Grass Cutting
- Spring Road Sweeping
- Line Painting

Tender/quotation forms are available at the County of Haliburton (3 St. Germaine Street entrance) and on the County of Haliburton website: <http://www.haliburtoncounty.ca> under 'News and Public Notices'.

Please direct inquiries to: Angie Horner, Administrative Assistant
Phone: 705-286-1762 Fax: 705-286-4881
E-mail: ahorner@county.haliburton.on.ca



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON 2010 REQUEST FOR PRODUCT/PRICE LISTS

The County of Haliburton Public Works Department is requesting **Product and Price Lists** for aggregate supply in amounts under 500 tonnes including:

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County of Haliburton Public Works Department
11 Newcastle Street, PO Box 399
Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Inquiries may be directed to: Angie Horner, Administrative Assistant
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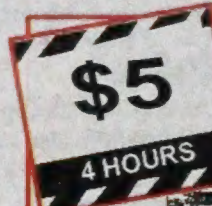


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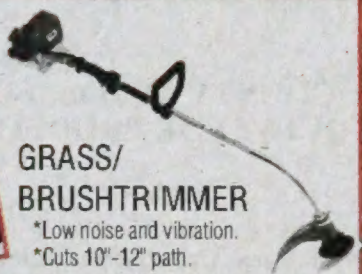
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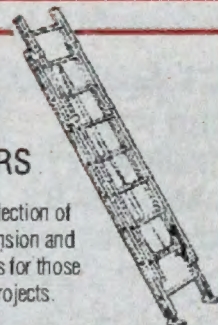
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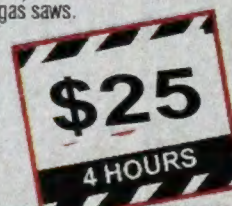
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